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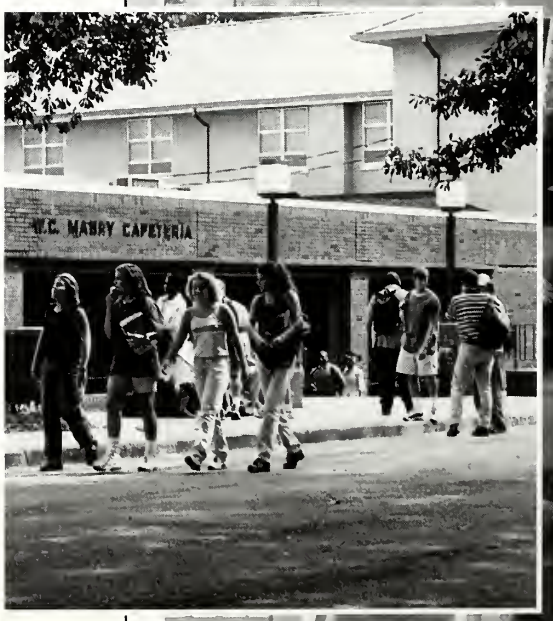
Ring of Faith

"Let the circle be unbroken ..." the lyrics plead. It is an old song, a familiar one to many people in central Mississippi. It is a song of faith, of steadfastness, of unbreached loyalty and devotion.

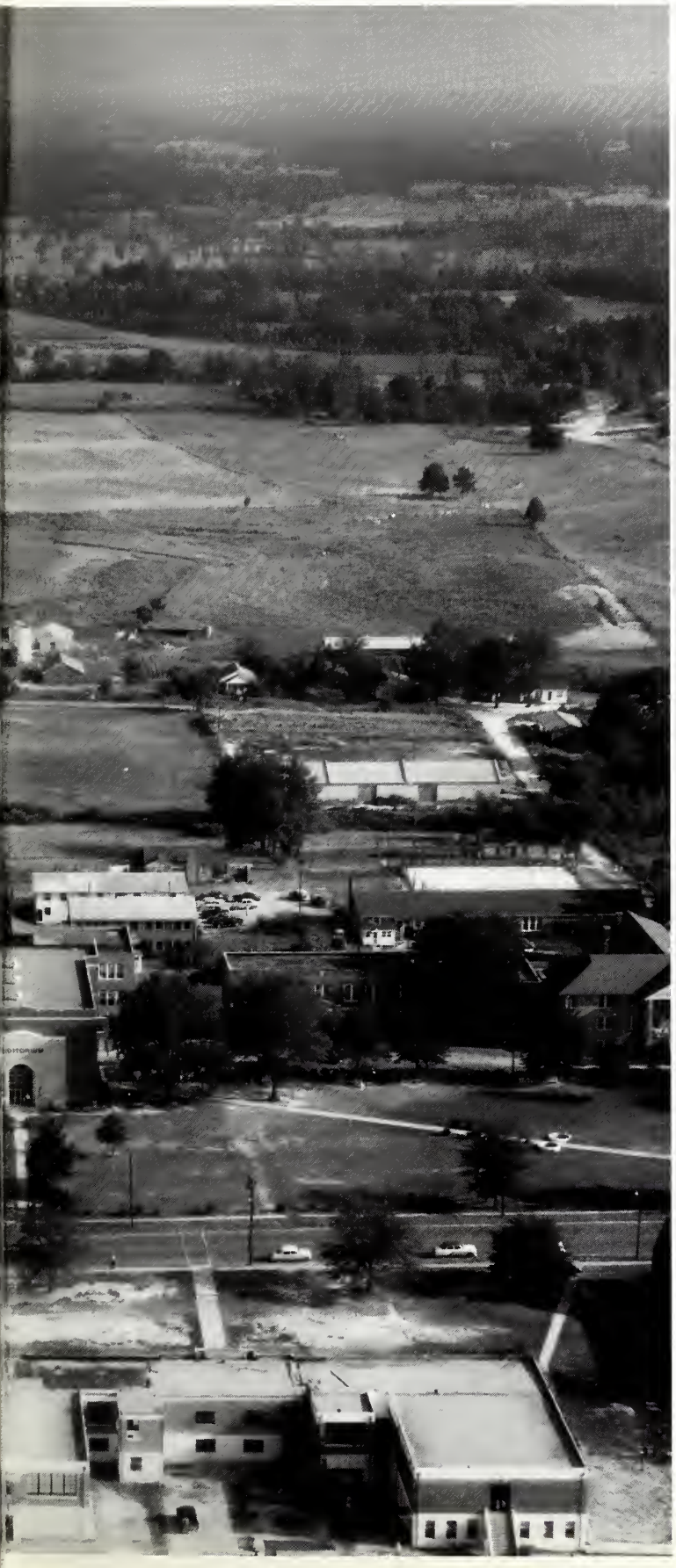
Keeping faith with the past, rejoicing in the present, welcoming the future and all it brings — these are the watchwords as East Central Community College continues its dedication to excellence. The path to success is rocky with potential disaster: growing sociological pressures, economic challenges, the occasionally disturbing world of cyberspace. But when danger threatens, EC's extended community knows how to cope. Through the piney woods, across the red clay fields, from Leake and Neshoba and Newton and Scott and Winston, the solution comes: the strength of commitment, the power of fellowship.

1928-1998. May the circle always be unbroken.



The 1928 buildings were a part of the agricultural high school. The completed early campus reflects the influence of the war with the barrack-style housing and military base buildings.

Students walk along the East Mall in front of the modern cafeteria building with its post lamps and landscaped outdoor seating areas.



Laisha Heard seems to be holding a leash around Joseph Anderson, keeping him steadfast and perhaps loyal, but at least enjoying the fellowship.

Winston County students gather in the East Mall area to have a picture made of the record-breaking number of students from that area.

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Returning to a memorable place has its own unique dangers. Will the inevitable changes frighten you? Fill you with dismay? Taunt and torment you?

As Joi Owens walked across East Central's campus with Mrs. Francis Harris Smith one autumn afternoon, she must have experienced some apprehension. What would Mrs. Smith's reaction be as the 1928 graduate strolled through the grounds? The college had been an important part of her youth. Would she mourn for a time and place long gone?

"It's wonderful!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith over and over as she became reacquainted with the school. Recalling that her classes met in the basement of the boys' dorm — and later in the dining hall within the girls' dorm — she marvelled at the college's growth.

A pupil of EC's legendary instructors, Mrs. Stella Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall, Mrs. Smith vividly recalled sitting in Mrs. Newsome's English literature class, but cited home economics as her favorite course. In addition to school work, students of the time performed chores around campus — even occasionally preparing a meal for instructors. But, Mrs. Smith insisted, life wasn't dull. Skits and sing-a-longs enlivened the campus routine, and, then as now, friendships were formed that often lasted a lifetime. One young lady, remembered Mrs. Smith, was "very smart. A nice girl ... very

Mrs. Stella Newsome was one of only two faculty members employed in 1928. That year she taught Mrs. Smith and Joi's grandmother. The year she retired from EC, she taught Joi's mother.

Joi and Mrs. Smith look over the names of the members of the class of '28. Mrs. Smith knows of only one other class member who is still alive.

Circle

quiet." Her name was Oleta Stamper.

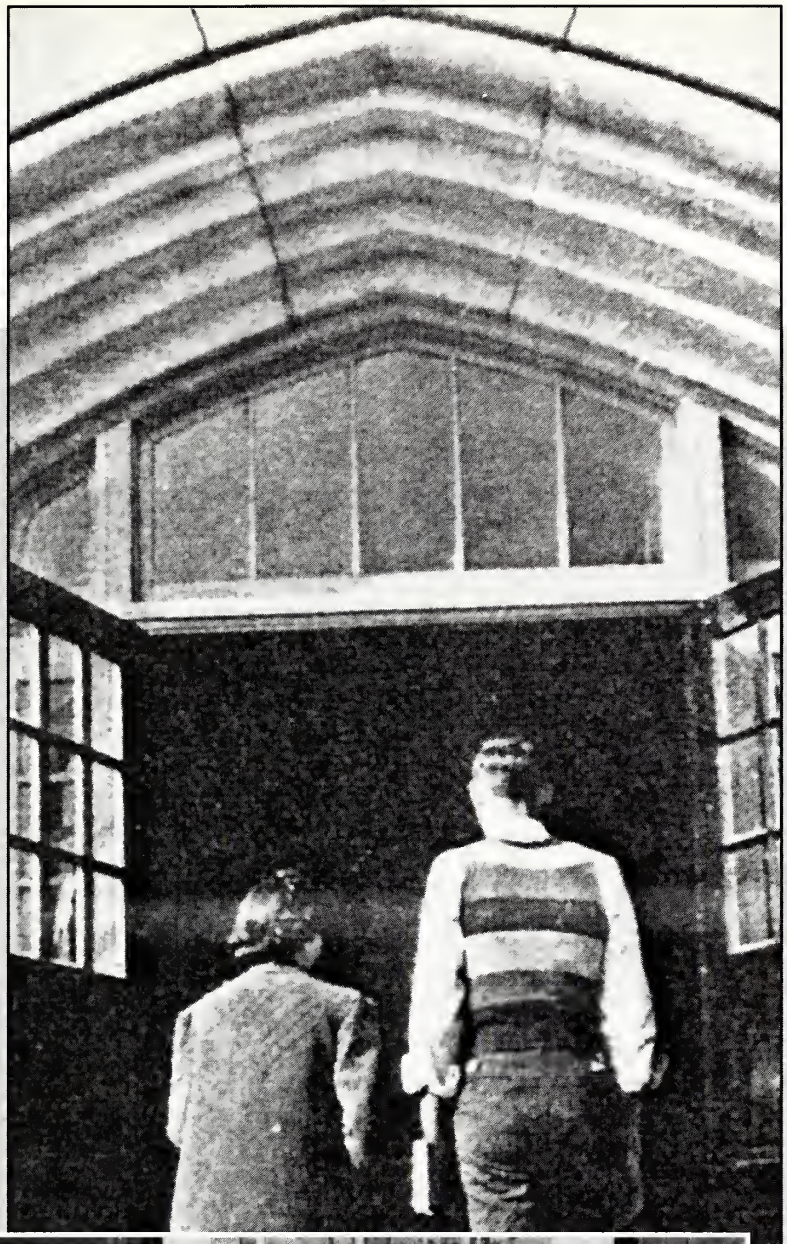
Joi knew her as Oleta Stamper Cooper. Her grandmother.

Mrs. Oleta Cooper was a talented woman; her creative pursuits included writing stories and poems and playing the piano. One of Joi's most moving memories is that of her grandmother singing old hymnal favorites like "Just As I Am" and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." She must have enjoyed, as Francis Smith did, the sound of young voices insisting that "Happy Days are Here Again" as the class of 1928 passed into history.

Will those "happy days" go on and on at East Central Community College? Mrs. Smith certainly thinks so. Mrs. Cooper, believes Joi, would agree. And Joi herself? Well, attending EC is, as Joi recently discovered, a tradition among women in her family. Her mother, Norma Cooper, was featured as a beauty in the 1957 ***Wo-He-Lo*** *and especially delighted in her music and home economics classes. A member of the EC band, she played the bass drum. Joi, a pre-med major, has written music and at one time considered a career as a professional singer and songwriter. She always found herself drawn to EC but never really understood why — until she saw the campus through the eyes of Francis Smith.*

1928. 1957. 1997. Francis and Oleta and Norma and Joi. Links in a chain that wraps round and round and seemingly has no end, ties that bind us with work and heart and love.

What more could a college hope to achieve?



Students climb the steps of the administration/-classroom building of the late 30's-the first buildings of the college proper.

Frances Harris Smith points out the young Frances, who was a part of the '28 class. Just down the row, her friend Oleta Stamper, Joi's grandmother.

Distinguished Mentor

Forty-three years of service in two-year-college athletics. Recipient of an NCJAA Certificate of Service Award. Region 23 Director for Women Athletics.

With so many accolades, it's easy to forget that Lucille Wood is also an ***educator.*** *To overlook this important part of her career, however, is to deny the ideals that she has personified and taught to generations of EC men and women.*

"I am 80% idealist in my philosophy," she says. "Values do not change — we learn from the great writers and thinkers. I want my students to enjoy themselves. I want them to let me be myself and make learning a pleasant experience." She quickly adds, however, that "there is a time and season for all things and becoming educated is ***not fun.***"

Perhaps not, but her students — some, at least — disagree. Felicia Loper of Lake enjoys the way Ms. Wood "makes the class laugh"; Jason Gray of Philadelphia considers her his favorite instructor because "she's cool and is always funny." On a more serious note, he explains that Ms. Wood is "a very powerful woman" whom he respects. More importantly, as one student put it, Ms. Wood "keeps you going in the right direction."

A maelstrom of change at East Central threatens many, but Ms. Wood understands what's really significant. "It is always the students. The total student is what counts. To see students grow mentally, physically, morally, socially. To see students grow from boys and girls into men and women" — these are the things that make walking into Newton Hall a pleasure for her.

She challenges junior colleagues to share that pleasure while keeping students' success a top priority. "Students need positive guidance," she reminds us. "Care for the ones that do not fit the perfect mold." Her advice is direct: "Teach and test what you teach. Have high expectations; set good examples, demand and earn respect, and be fair."

Wood believes that the college's curricular trinity — academics, athletics, and vocational-technical training — need not be self-serving and divisive. "The three can work together," she insists, noting that change is necessary to meet the needs of students.

Mark Twain once wrote, "Education that consists in learning things and not the meaning of them is feeding upon the husks and not the corn." Lucille Wood — coach, instructor, mentor, senior faculty member — has been a living testimony to these words for over forty years.

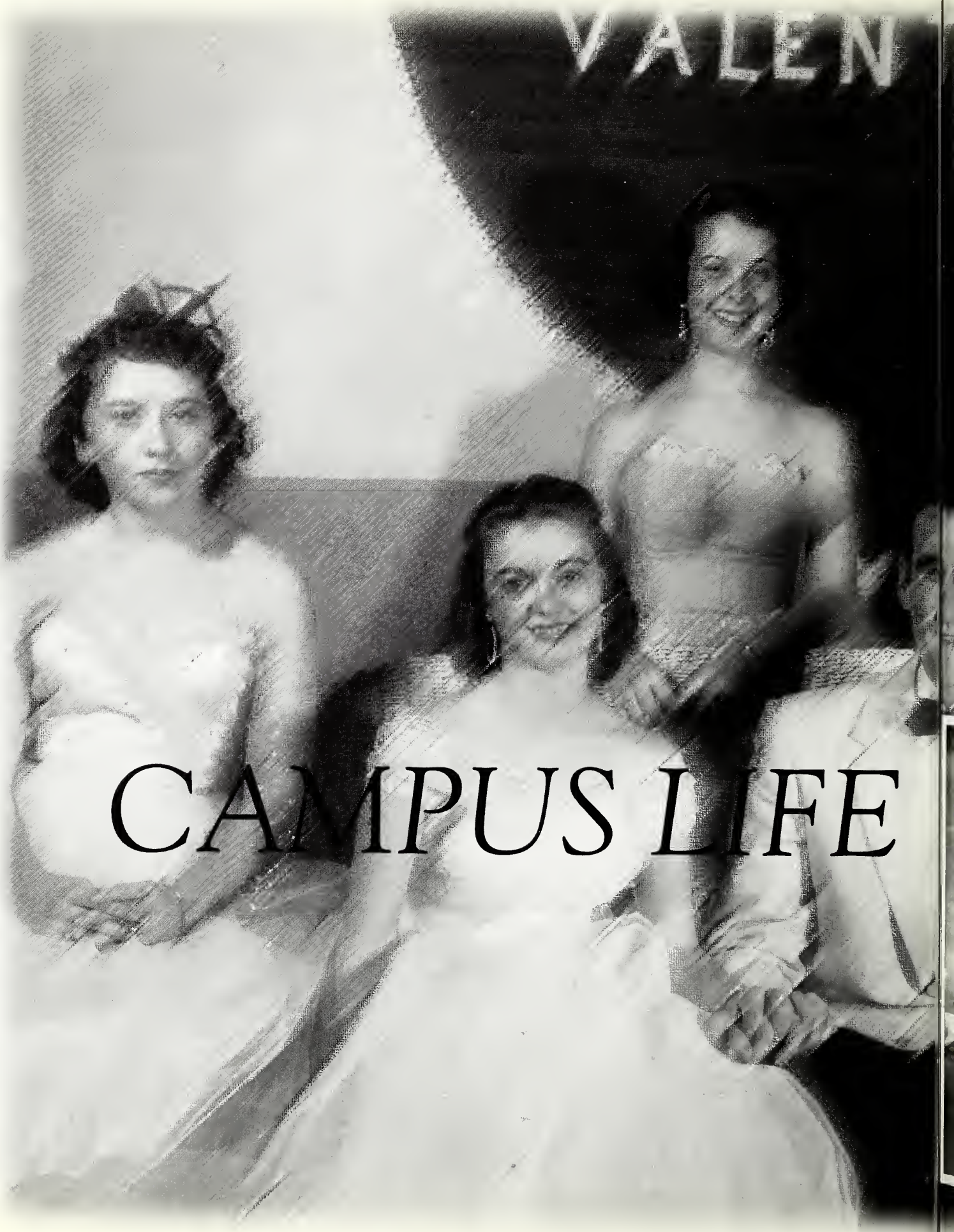
We could use another forty.

Coach Wood and members of the college's 50th year anniversary 1978-79 South Division and State women's championship basketball team look over the team stats.

Region 23 members recognize Lucille Wood's valuable contributions to every phase of women's sports on the community college level.

Dr. Eddie Smith, President, congratulates Miss Wood on her second 20 years of educational service to the college.

In addition to her classroom and athletic endeavors, Miss Wood lends her energy to other campus projects such as the beautification of Sullivan Park. Looking over the bags of day lilies for the park are Dr. Smith, Miss Wood.



CAMPUS LIFE

Rite of Passage

Spring at long last has made it to East Central Junior College. Winds which until quite recently had a raw edge are now mellow and redolent with change. As Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Newsome are helping their students complete their final weeks of study, voices rise in song: "Happy days are here again ...." It is 1928.

The weather has finally improved: gray skies have yielded to blue and sunny yellow, and in classrooms eyes often wander to the ripening world waiting just past the windows. It is spring, and ECJC is ready for an appropriate rite of passage — May Day. Spectators are treated to charmingly choreographed dances, gymnastic routines, and music; gracious formality is added by the presence of the May Queen and her court. It is 1973.

At last — the end of the semester is nearly here! It is 1997, and EC's tired Warriors need rejuvenation. Spring Spree comes to the rescue, as students eat, drink, and merrily frolic across the campus in a wholesale celebration of the season.

The more we change, the more we remain the same.

Renee Nickell reigned as the 1962 May Queen. May Day activities were an integral part of campus life until

1997 Homecoming Court: (front L to R) Kamonica Craig, Laura Gill; (middle) Paula Crawford, Krisan Risher, Sherie Bradford; (back) Danna Dye, Ronite Frey, Jennifer Pace, and Debise Chapman

Sophomore Jamie Floyd inflates her balloon in the first stage of the "balloon burst race," a perennial Spring Spree favorite.

At the end of a full and very active day, everyone gathers around the picnic tables to enjoy all the spread, especially the boiled crawfish!

Watching Their Dreams Come True

Like fifth graders at recess, Spring Spree-ers indulged in nonsense games such as the amoeba run, the egg toss, the bunny hop sack race, and the balloon burst run. The laughter and competitive spirit added zest to the warm afternoon.

The faculty team was triumphant during the volleyball tournament held at Todd Hall as part of East Central's Spring Spree celebration. The feisty student team made certain, however, that the lucky instructors had to work for the victory.

The highlight of the games: Everyone's favorite Spring Spree event, the tug-of-war, once again delighted spectators and participants alike. No one wanted to miss watching fellow students "drag through the mud."

Graduating LPN students thoughtfully pass the flame as a symbol of the light that they have pledged to carry into their communities — a ray of light in the darkness of sickness and suffering.

A smile, a handshake, a long-desired degree or certificate — and the best wishes and blessings of the ECCC administration, faculty, and staff — were the gifts and rewards awaiting each of the 344 graduates during traditional ceremonies in May. Encouraging their fellow students to "Climb Every Mountain" were soloist Laura Anderson and speaker Olivia Hamil.

Ready, set, go! And what a great start they had, as approximately 150 GED students from EC's five-county district completed programs of study and received certificates in a first-ever ceremony of recognition.

Lighting a candle. Preparing for thoughtful service to others. Smiling as a goal is reached and a dream is fulfilled. These were the golden moments as 26 ADN candidates for graduation were honored in a moving spring ceremony. "Dream High," sang Sandi Thrash as candidates for nursing degrees were "pinned" by their instructors in a solemn yet joyful May ceremony. Dr. Jane Hurst provided the spirited keynote address.

Welcome to the working world! East Central's surgical technology students are more than ready to put their new skills to the test in the "real" world. Graduates were recognized in an emotional end-of-term ceremony.

"Hypnotic" Revelry

Welcomes Students to Another Year

"It was hilarious to watch my friends unconsciously do things they would not ordinarily do," explained Jessica Jordan of Edinburg.

Huh? What's going on here? Just what are students ***doing*** *in their classes at good ole EC?*

Well, students are doing just fine, thank you. And to make sure that their year got off to a great start, the college welcomed new and returning Warriors with an eclectic mix of activities during the first two weeks of classes.

One of these-Col. Wallington's dazzling hypnotist act-was by far the most popular, as Jessica Wright of Forest, Neil Hansford of Decatur, and Jessica Jordan will readily tell you. Other entertainment possibilities included the watermelon cutting on the mall, haute cuisine at the campus picnic accompanied by the soulful music of EC's blues band, 'Round Midnite, and the back-to-school dance, which gave everyone a chance to forsake the summertime doldrums and do some serious moving and shaking.

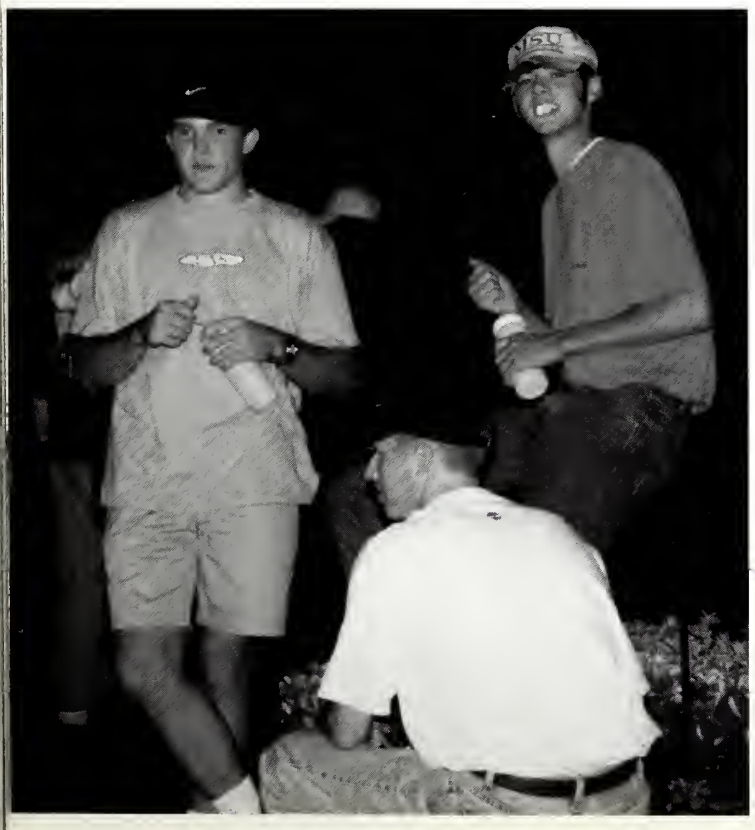
In addition to these traditional favorites, a new activity — a concert by a professional band — provided students with yet another option. The performance, co-sponsored by Newton Regional Hospital and East Central, featured the music of Freewater Junction as well as door prizes and junk food.

Learning to cope with unexpected pressures — feeling accepted — finding new friends and rediscovering old ones: these were some of the things that made campus life seem more challenging and rewarding. Though back-to-school festivities may seem a bit "grade schoolish" to some, they provided a useful and positive transition from one world to the next. The events may change — the faces certainly do — but the comfortable EC style remains the same.

Amy Dellaria fishes through the barrel of shaving cream for a prize given as a part of the BSU Welcome Back Fellowship.

Karan Caughman sits in a trance awaiting the next command of action which Col. Wallington will give her.

All the ducks in a row-as students line-up for the ever popular picnic "dogs."



We begin to build confidence in each other as we form new friendships with the start of the new session.

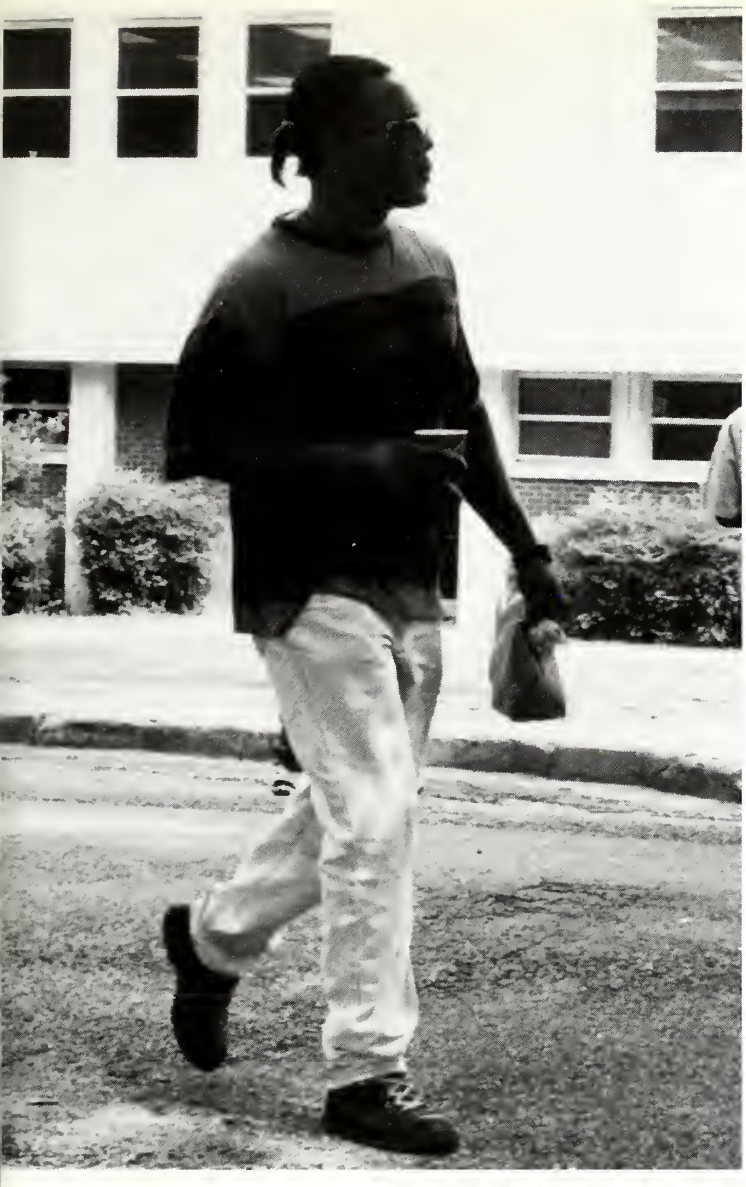
Enjoying the picnic and the music, P.J. Pearson, Camp Keith, and Neil Hansford check out the scene.

Students dance wildly (top photo) under the watchful eye of Col. Wallington. Oblivious to any others, students frolic about the stage as they keep time with their own music.

"Whatever" this group of Centralettes seems to be doing certainly would not have been a common sight in the 1930's. Public street dancing- never!

David Rawson and Teresa Moore snuggle close in the open "freeness" of the '90's.

Students gather all during the day in one of the favorite smoking areas on campus. Our EC grandparents would not believe it!



Campus Rules

Leaving the Dark Ages Behind

Say hello to Wally Warrior, a freshman at East Central. Wally has been on campus for a month and is feeling steamed.

"It's all these rules, man," he groans. "I'm just not into mind control, ya know. What's the deal? I thought college was all about freedom, but I'm dying here, man."

Wally is convinced that he entered the Dark Ages when he came to Decatur, that the college's procedures and regulations are holdovers from some primordial past, "Ya gotta change, man," he says over and over.

Is Wally right? Is EC still operating as if it were, say, the 1930's?

"You bet," he quickly answers. "Look at the deal with parking. Gotta have a sticker, gotta park in certain places. Half the time I can't even park near my classes."

Tough time, huh, Wally? A look at the 1935-36 college catalog, however, shows what <u>real</u> restrictions are like. "No student will be allowed to keep an automobile on campus for useless and reckless running around," it pointedly states, and students living in dorms were not allowed to have an automobile on campus at all. Occasionally exceptions were made, but only "with the strict understanding that the cars are left in our charge."

"WHAT?" shrieks Wally. "That's unreal! How were they supposed to do anything? What about going out? What about going home?"

Hmmm, What about going home? Again, the 1935-36 catalog offers some suprises. "The best results from work," it reads, "cannot be gotten when the boarding students go home for the week-ends .... We .... solicit the cooperation of the parents not to allow their sons and daughters to come home too often."

Wally is speechless for a moment. When he can finally utter a word, he manages to weakly ask, "Yeah, but what about the dorms? Ya know, those dorm rules are just too much."

Sorry, Wally, life as YOU know it is good — or at least freer. The "Rules for Boys" in the 1935-36 catalog insist that "students are required to be in their rooms at night. Study period must be strictly observed. When the light bell rings, lights must be turned out and students must promptly retire." Want to leave campus a while and goof off? Better <u>now</u> than <u>then</u>. Boys were "required not to loaf on the streets nor to spend unnecessary time in town."

And the girls? Well, they were "allowed to go to town at stated intervals" only when "properly chaperoned by a teacher."

*Hey, wait a minute. Wally, where are you going? "Out, man," he says with a grin. "I gotta enjoy my **freedom.**"*

DID YOU KNOW ...

Even way back when, attending EC was a good deal: tution in 1935-36 was $10 a year, books cost $5-$20 each, and board was $12.50 a month or $112.50 a year.

Homecoming Week
Full of Special Moments

It could all become rather boring, this "homecoming" stuff.

*You know: the elections, the pep rally, the game. Yeah, yeah, yeah. It is all **so** uncool, you sigh to your friends.*

Uh huh.

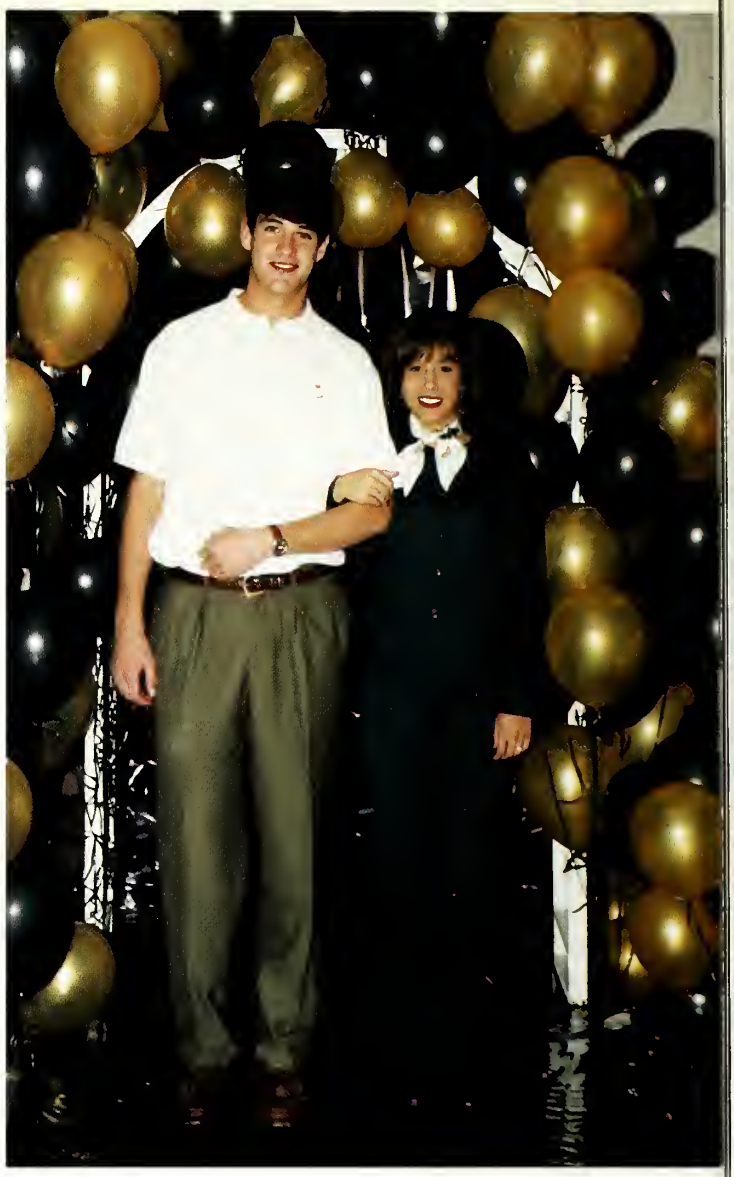
*But you were there, weren't you, when the first posters went up in Newton Hall, the cafeteria, South Campus. VOTE FOR DANA DYE, FRESHMAN MAID, one read. KAMONICA CRAIG, SOPHOMORE MAID, said another. You read all the names. You discussed them during supper with your roommates. You voted when the time came. You were (secretly, of course) thrilled when **your** choice for queen won.*

Help us with our homecoming sign, urged your ADN instructor. You agreed to do so, but rolled your eyes and smirked when you told your boyfriend about it. But you did most of the painting, didn't you? And no one was more delighted than you when the sign took first place.

It happened all week, every time you tried to be unconcerned, tried to be cool. It all meant something, though you often pretended it didn't. You found yourself cheering raucously at the bonfire. You went to the dance, just for a minute, just to see who was there, and stayed for hours. Though you claimed you hated sports, you were pleased when friend-of-the-family James Nelson and his son Joel showed how to play the game in the Alumni/Student Golf Tournament. Instead of catching a movie Friday night, you astounded your friends by suggesting that the fashion squad reunion/fashion show might be more fun (and it was). You picked out an especially nice outfit to wear to Saturday's game, and you let your mom pin on your Homecoming mum. It's all so silly, you insisted, but of course you still have last year's black-and-gold ribbon with its little football dangling underneath.

*It's all so uncool, you kept telling yourself. But when the Warriors took the field and the band struck up the fight song, you didn't care. This was **your** school, **your** classmates, **your** special moment.*

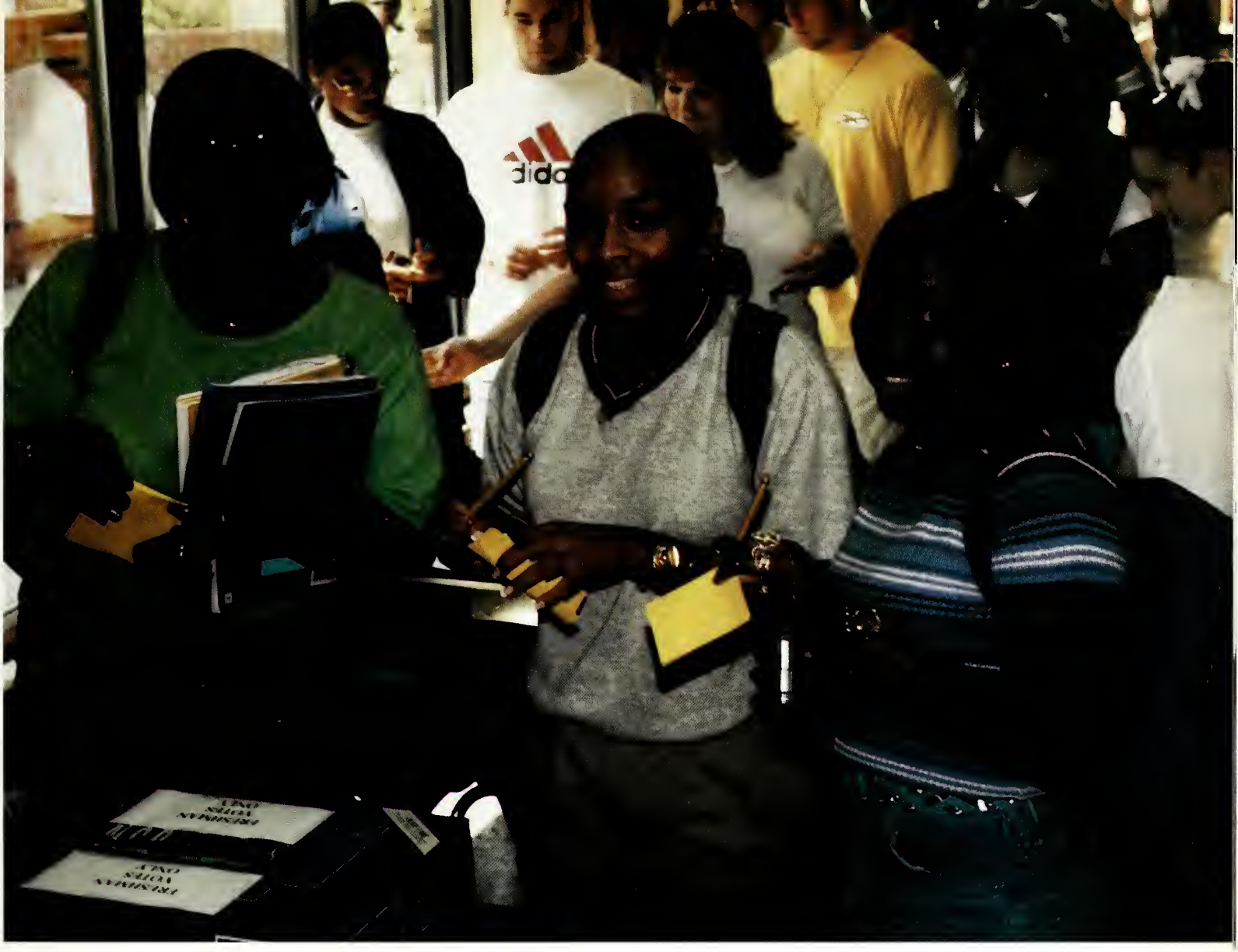
You were home. And suddenly it was all so cool that you wanted to cry.

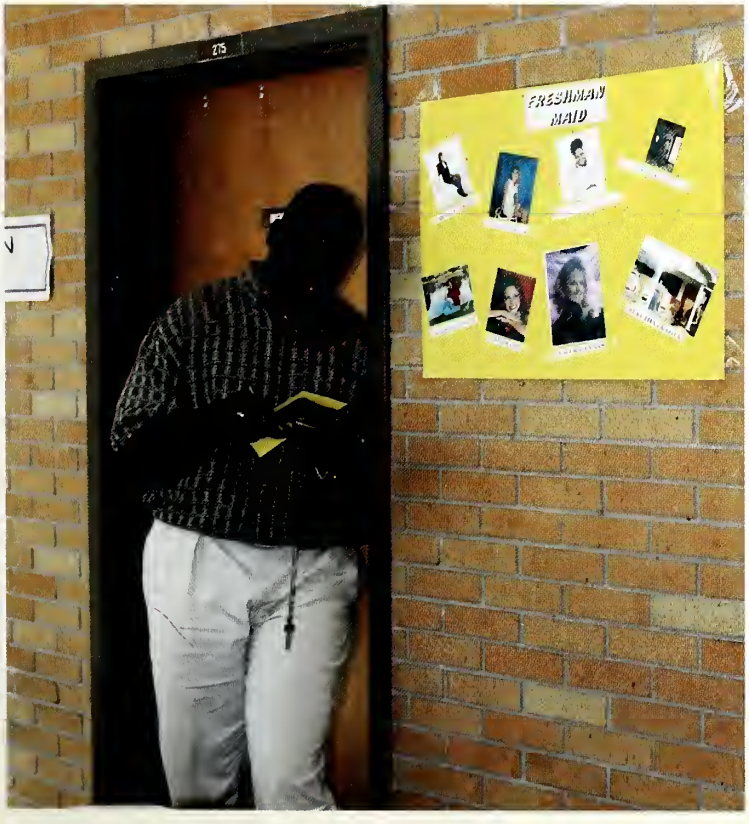


Shad Sanders and Homecoming Queen Laura Gill are presented during the Homecoming Dance, a part of week-long activities.

War-painted Centralette Renit Frey dances to the drum beat of the Homecoming pep rally.

Saxophonist Jason Alford stirs up the pep rally crowd as Richard Burton and other pep band members prepare to create a wall of sound!





The gang's all here, so let the music begin, clamor (l to r) Corrin Chambliss, Joni French, Heather Munn, and Crystal Cooley.

Undean Hardy ponders over the Homecoming Court ballot as he tries to make the difficult decision for his vote.

Tracy Patrick, Regina Wilson and Tiffany Russell (top photo) cast their votes for the members of the Homecoming Court.

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"Walking the Walk"

Fashion Alumni Come Home

The usual pleasant activities awaited alumni as they traveled to East Central Community College on a brisk fall day: reunion meetings, a luncheon, a football game, and a reception. Returning Warriors were "Welcomed Home in '97" graciously, as classes ending in "7" renewed friendships and Alumni of the Year, Instructors of the Year, and new members of the Athletic Hall of Fame were honored.

Highlighting the Homecoming festivities was EC's fashion squad reunion, celebrating 25 years of modeling at the college. It was a bittersweet moment for Director Alice Pouncey, who in 1973-74 put seventeen East Central students in the fashion spotlight and has managed squads ever since. Alumni presented her with a silver tray at the Homecoming Eve fashion show, which also featured former models' children as well as Mrs. Pouncey's ten-day-old grandson. Nostalgia was quite rightly the theme as they recalled

"representing ECCC on Good Morning America";

"being in the musical Little Mary Sunshine";

"meeting and falling in love with my husband";

"BSU events and being a Centralette";

"when I broke my little toe playing 1-2-3-red-light in the freshman dorm";

"playing football (during the) '84-'85 seasons."

A lovely reception following the fashion show gave additional opportunities for reminiscing as squad members and their families toured the 2-year-old ADN/Childcare Technology Building and discussed EC-past and present.

College is more than books and classes, ballgames and pep rallies. It is unfortunately easy to forget the other activities that shape our lives, the moments — large and small — that mold characters and forge goals. The 50+ former members of EC's fashion squads who attended Homecoming '97 will never forget, however.

They, perhaps more so than any other alumni, have "walked the walk and talked the talk."

The '96 Fashion Squad members (L to R): Tracy Williams Vance, [illegible] Pouncey Lewis, and Gay McDaniel Howard still demonstrate a model's poise.

Alumnus Sells [illegible] in the varied features of the day.

1947 Warriors [illegible] (Front L to R): [illegible] Howell, Jim Wood, [illegible] John Massey, Bill [illegible] Earp, Norman Gipson, [illegible] ston, Lebrun Hutchison, Howard Sessums and Coach Arlo Vincent

Welcome Home:

A Perfect End to a Perfect Day

"Welcome" was the watchword as visitors strolled around the East Central campus. Friendly smiles and affectionate greetings accented a vibrant October day; blue sky, bold sunshine, trees just beginning to wear their autumn colors.

"Welcome—but prepare to be bested!" was the implication in every roar from the large crowd as the rival Gulf Coast Bulldogs took the field and looked the gridiron Warriors in the eyes. No wearer of the black and gold was surprised when the late-afternoon final score trumpeted EC superiority.

A gentle welcome shone in the eager young faces of Queen Laura Gill and her court as they were presented to an enthusiastic audience. "Here we are," their eyes seemed to say, "your daughters, your sons. Another generation at East Central waves hello—and all too soon, we'll wave goodbye."

*"Watch out for unexpected extraterrestrials!" admonished the announcer as EC's "Wall O' Sound" welcomed the arrival of two "alien" groups—the alumni band, with its energetic rendition of the college's theme/fight song, and the cantina band from **Star Wars**, which demonstrated that fine musicians aren't just found on Hollywood soundstages.*

The desire to "eat, drink, and be merry" after hard-hitting football action was graciously fulfilled in a bountiful reception that followed the game. Warriors and their friends and families feasted to instructor Leesa Wilkinson's music as shadows lengthened outside; the warmth and light were welcome respites from the chilly evening.

*"Welcome Home in '97" read the signs that ringed the stadium. And it **was** home, thought many as they hurried to their cars in the sharpening air. All of it—the sights, the sounds, the colors—were both new and familiar, as another Homecoming came serenely to a close. That even in the midst of change there is continuity was comforting as the vehicles turned left and right, went on to Louisville and Carthage and Forest and Newton.*

Welcome home. Stay a while. Come back soon. A perfect end to a perfect day.

But of course, perfection= EC^3.

Eyes are glued to the field as the Homecoming Court is presented during the halftime program.

DID YOU KNOW...

World War II prompted the postponement of homecoming activities at ECJC during 1942-45, making Homecoming '46 an especially festive and memorable event.

Dr. Eddie Smith crowns Homecoming Queen Laura Gill as her escort Shad Sanders and the 1996 Queen, Karen McRae, observe.

The lovely members of the elected court head for the sideline seats of honor.

The Warrior Band charms the Homecoming crowd with its blockbuster halftime show.

Homecoming Court royalty (top photo, front from left): sophomore maids Sherie Bradford, Paula Crawford, Krisan Riser, Maid of Honor Kamonica Craig, Queen Laura Gill, and freshmen maids Ronit Frey, Jennifer Pace, Danna Dye, and Denise Chapman; (back from left): Brian Hardy, Brian Sistrunk, Raland Burks, Gilberto Venzen, Shad Sanders, Luke McMahen, Dan Gressett, Chris Stokley, and Devlin Chapman

Students now enjoy the scenery, the shade, and the beauty of the day-lily and [illegible] Sullivan Park, a masterpiece of nature at any season of the year that greets people as they come into the campus.

[illegible] Nowells, Dana Misso, and Jeff [illegible] chat as they meet on the walk to the south campus extension-the old [illegible] High School Building.

With the old gym and the student center in the background, students gather as they leave from the student grill to classes.

A lone student claims the steps of Huff Auditorium which stands framed between the trees on the front campus.

Welcoming the Future

One Change at a Time

Despite the current changes at East Central Community College — new buildings, new technologies, new faces among faculty and staff — visitors and new students are often tempted to believe that the school is much as it once was. Long-time faculty members and older Decatur citizens, however, can quickly persuade otherwise. "The campus used to have some personality," remembers Lucille Wood, and her descriptions paint a vivid picture of a campus few would now recognize.

The front campus was once open: Where Cross Hall now stands was once a shaded, tree-filled area ideal for May Day celebrations. "Courting couples" once sat by a goldfish pond under the watchful eyes of fellow students and dorm mothers — the present-day administration building now occupies the site.

Many buildings — notably Jackson Hall — had balconies and porches where students, faculty, and staff rested in rocking chairs at the end of the day. The Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building didn't exist. In its place was a dairy barn; a hay barn and a chicken house were located in adjacent areas. Warrior Field was once where vocational-technical classes now meet, and students honed their auto mechanics skills where campus music and art currently find a home. A classroom building housed business classes, the library, science classes, and offices; its descendent, Newton Hall, is still arguably the center of EC academics. Students today use the SIRSI system and the MAGNOLIA PROJECT to access materials nationally through the magic of computer technology in Burton Library; the site was once a small brick classroom building for health, biology, and music.

Change, whether positive or negative, is often disturbing, especially for Southerners. Gentle and masterful guidance — a desire to welcome the future while maintaining a reverence for the past —can make all the difference.

Mrs. Janie Sullivan, who once tended a garden where a park now flourishes, would understand.

Students linger between classes in front of the vocational-technical building-once the location of the football stadium.

A determined student takes advantage of the quiet in the surroundings of the Harrison Park between the vo-tech and the library buildings.

Spiritual Direction

Campus Groups Lead the Way

For all of the change that has stimulated—and at times provoked—the people in East Central Community College's five-county neighborhood, there remains at least one constant: the dedication to spiritual as well as secular education. It is a tradition with a long and honorable history, a tradition that significantly contributes to EC's hometown ambiance.

The 1935-36 college catalog, for example, pointedly stated that "We should like for students to think right as well as to do right. The spirit of the institution is to develop high moral character." Young people were "urged to attend Sunday School and church."

In the 40's and 50's, Religious Emphasis Week was a major campus event featuring an activity period assembly with guest speakers, special appearances in classes by notable spiritual leaders, and nightly social gatherings.

A typical day at the college began with the Morning Watch, a 7 a.m. devotional gathering for students, faculty, and staff. At noon, students met above the Student Center for prayer time and assembled at 10 p.m. in dorm lobbies for vespers.

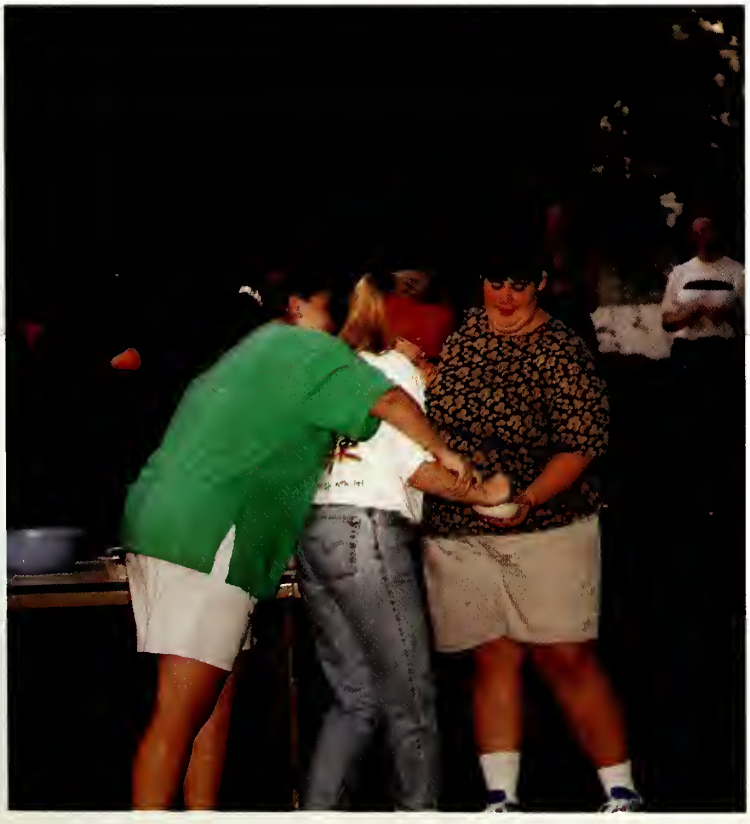
Today's campus groups—the Newman organization, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Wesley Foundation, and the Baptist Student Union—continue to revere and enhance the spiritual inheritance. Both the BSU's Lunch Encounter and the Wesleyans' Lunch Bunch provide a once-a-week opportunity for food and fellowship, and several organizations offer a variety of social activities, worship services, and Bible studies.

In 1928, East Central's founders set a standard of excellence that has challenged and motivated the college ever since, insisting that the school not merely educate men and women but create ladies and gentlemen. It is a work in progress as the school looks toward the 21st century: a work of the heart, a labor of love.

At the BSU welcome back party, Angie England has her mouth stuffed with a banana.

Mike Donovan willingly dives into a pan of pudding as he searches for hidden candy.

Amy Dellaria tries to find her team's flag in the cool pool of mud, grass, and sardines.



Amy Butler and Brad Bailey dig for pennies, nickles, and dimes from the "Smashing Pumpkins" watermelon game. Their goal: to come up with the most money to win.

Marissa Magee, April Crocker, and Brooke Griffith participate in "Trace the Donkey." April discovers something mushy and creamy—guess what it is!

Pam Atkinson and Ginger Greer (top photo) are using Melissa Knowles' and Marci Hollingsworth's "pants" as the targets for their "Pie in the Pants."

Joseph Foster and Sonya Emerson take in the out-of-doors with the always favorite pizza hut lunch.

Reggie White and Tyrone McBeth listen to the camaraderie shared between Komit Frey, Corrin Chambliss, and Amber Woods as they share another popular campus spot.

Paula Crawford and Brian Sisk unk enjoy the "dances" that fill those rare spare time events.

Free Time, Playtime

Where the Fun Is

What do EC students do in their spare time?

"Spare time?" you answer archly, "What makes you think we have any spare time? I mean, after going to classes and playing tennis and attending band practice and finding sources for my English research project and —"

All work and no play make Wally and Wendy Warrior very dull indeed, however, so let's try again. 1997-98 was a busy year, but there were a FEW spare minutes now and then. What did students do?

If they were hungry, they went to popular chow-down spots such as Applebee's in Meridian, the BP Truck Stop in Lake, and Shoney's in Philadelphia. As they satisfied their appetites with steaks, pasta, burgers, and all-you-care-to-eat salad bars, Wally and Wendy found time for some creative thinking. Being late for that speech class and missing Monday's calculus test demanded the talents of the true artiste: "I ran over a dog, which forced me into a ditch, and had a flat tire"; "The clock was fast; beside I don't FEEL tardy"; "My cows got out"; "My grandmother's in the hospital." Even a golden oldie might prove valuable: "I didn't come to class because my hair wasn't brushed."

Once energized by fast food, Warriors were ready to shake, rattle, and roll at places like the Midnight Sun or the CatWalk, where creativity again had a role:

> *"You're an art major? Well, let me draw you a picture on how it's going to be with you and me."*
>
> *"Do you believe in love at first sight or do I need to walk by you again?"*
>
> *"Girl, your legs must be tired 'cause you've been running through my mind all day."*
>
> *"Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?"*

Quieter evenings might find Wally and Wendy at half-price bowling night at Meridian lanes or at a movie like I Know What You Did Last Summer. A laid-back game of pool was sometimes just the thing to make the school blues go away.

Spare time IS often rare for many college students. Still, for those treasured times when fun is the name of the game, central Mississippi does offer some hope. See you at the BP.

Harley Hollingsworth spends more time setting in the sun after his cycling adventure turned bad

DID YOU KNOW ....

Early in East Central's history, students spent their spare time milking cows and feeding chickens on the school farm in order to "teach the boys the practical side of farm life and to furnish the school with vegetables, meat, and milk" (source: 1935-36 college catalog).

Tisha Walker, Kendra Chapman, Terkesia Davis, a.k.a. Eyshanda, Street occupy the corner benches where there is always a "hanging" time.

Fall Festival

A New Generation Entertains

"Have more activities," replied one student when asked how East Central could do a better job. Others agreed: "Get more things for the students to do and participate in." Some felt the college was just right—"There is no way to improve when we are already the BEST," insisted one sophomore. A freshman added, "I came to college to meet new people, have fun and get an education. So far, that's what I've been doing."

Appreciative of the compliments—but determined to listen to and act on student concerns—EC's Student Body Association put its creative talents to work. The result was Fall Festival, which is quickly becoming a traditional campus favorite.

Traditions, even at such a quiet school as East Central, come and go, as anyone who remembers May Day or the Morning Watch can tell you. But Fall Festival has all the hallmarks of a "keeper": students enjoy planning it, and students enjoy participating in it. 1996 saw its inauguration, and Warriors reveled in events such as a Best Legs Contest and a Limbo Competition. In 1997, on a chilly October evening, students sat among hay and pumpkins and again cheered for the best legs and their favorite limbo-ers. A rakish scarecrow presided over the Dating Game, and ECCC singers made the mall reverberate with their music. Many in the audience sported festival T-shirts, surprise guests added to the fun, and for a second time students delighted in a autumn respite from studies.

What about 1998? 1999? Will Fall Festival be a part of campus life in 2000? The answer is an enthusiastic "yes" if Festivals '96 and '97 reveal anything about student enjoyment and involvement.

"I think it's fine," freshman Dinah Turner wrote when polled about the school's image and service. East Central's SBA thinks so, too—but hopes to make student activities "finer" still through determination and hard work.

Of course, those are ***also*** *Warrior traditions.*

Sean Lloyd displays his singing talent at the Fall Festival.

Paula Crawford and Kamonica Craig laugh together as they enjoy the festivities.

Sheila Oliver gets low in the limbo competition as Steven Woitt and Brian Sistrunk hold the rope and cheer her on.

Amy Gomillion guides a contestant in the Best Legs Contest, but Eddie M. Smith walked away with the title.

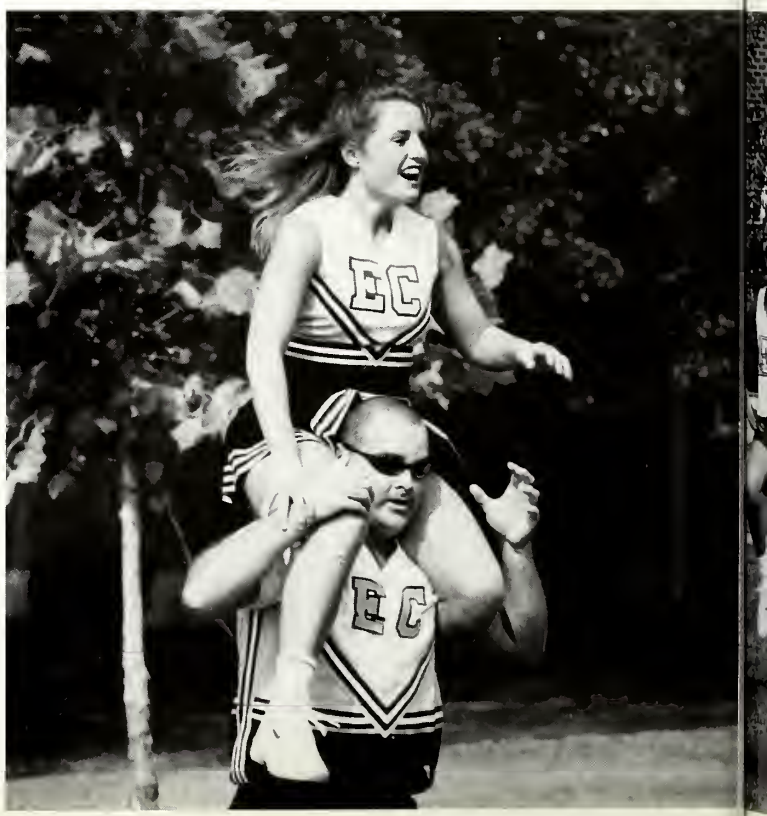
Bales of hay make comfortable seating for Fall Festival participants and observers.

Toshia Walker and fellow students find it easy to limbo in the early stages of the competition.

Spanky's parade lot fills with the sounds of the Warrior drums, the "ready, yell" of the cheerleaders, and the cheering support of many fans.

Cheerleaders demonstrate their precision as they lead the battle cry, "Fight, Win, Big Gold!"

"Hold on Crystal", this ride is going to be a little bumpy!



Wally's Got Spirit

Man, How 'bout You?

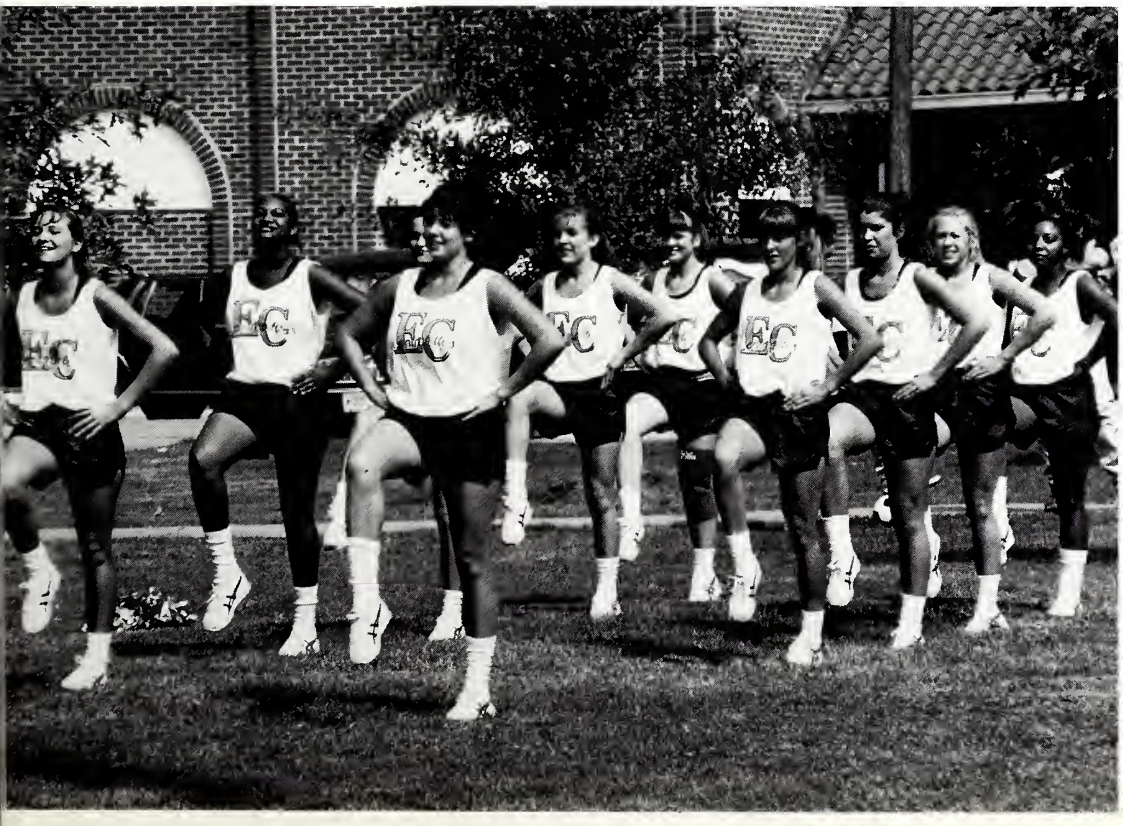
Poor Wally Warrior, like a beast of burden under his heavily loaded backpack, walked morosely from South Campus. Although it was Thursday and the weekend was within reach, he had just taken an algebra test and was feeling, well, CHALLENGED by the whole college scene. Eating lunch and escaping from his worldly woes were uppermost in his thoughts when shouts of laughter and the thud of drums make him lift his head.

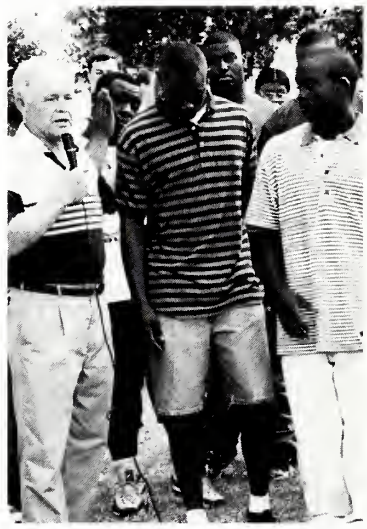
"Oh, yeah, pep rally," he muttered, planning to side-step the show, but something — perhaps the sound of Coach Coats' voice — made him stop to listen. Hey, that guy's in my psychology class, he noticed as he watched the cheerleaders do their routines. Man. how do they hold those girls up so long, he wondered, a little surprised to find himself paying attention and even clapping and yelling with the crowd.

Having never gotten around to attending a ballgame, much less watching a halftime program, Wally was surprised by the power of EC's "Wall O' Sound." The woman next to him must have read his mind. "If you think this is good, you should hear them when the whole band's out there," she told him as the spectators applauded a spirited rendition of the college's fight song.

Maybe I should, mused Wally as he ambled toward the cafeteria, feeling rather more cheerful than when he left his classroom fifteen minutes ago. "Hey, you guys going to the game?" he asked his roommates as he sat down to eat. Their blank faces spurred him to indignation: "Hey, where's your school spirit? Besides, those Centralettes are worth looking at ..."

Fearless cheerleaders build an awesome pyramid as Jennifer Pace hoists herself to the top.





Coach Willie Coats sets the challenge for his players and adds pep to the students.

High-stepping Centralettes add charm, grace, and beauty to the delight of individual students.

EC Pageantry

Bright and Shining Moments

"Whenas in silks my Julia goes,
Then, then, methinks, how sweetly flows
The liquefaction of her clothes.

Next, when I cast mine eyes, and see
That brave vibration, each way free,
Oh, how that glittering taketh me!"

It was seven o'clock on a miserable January evening, and East Central's annual beauty pageant was well underway. As the contestants walked gracefully across the stage, they must have seemed like living gems, modern examples of the loveliness that poet Robert Herrick described 350 years ago.

Like a jeweler's case, the setting for the pageant was designed to highlight each participant. "Dark and bright" was the paradoxical theme, as white latticework, columns, and artfully arranged carnations, Fuji mums, and snapdragons contrasted with the black stage drapes and rich green ferns.

"Jewelers" for the occasion — the pageant judges — included Ms. Glynesse Irby, a former Miss Mississippi contestant. She and her colleagues, all with significant competition experience, interviewed participants and evaluated their carriage, poise, presentation, and attractiveness. The final choice — a difficult one — established Heather Munn as Most Beautiful and David Hollingsworth as Most Handsome.

Healthy, happy, motivated young people are rare and precious things given into our care for a short while. Watching the smiling faces of the students on stage, listening to Senator Terry Burton's introductions, and enjoying Ashlea Renfroe's musical performance reinforced the importance of that care.

In that sense, we are all jewelers.

Heather Munn reigns as Most Beautiful of EC.

DID YOU KNOW . . .
Being a newcomer to East Central forty or fifty years ago demanded courage, stamina, and a sense of humor — just to survive Freshman Initiation Day. The 1951 event found the sophomores running the freshmen through the showers 10-15 times; first-year students later sat on the floor to eat their supper — without forks, spoons, or knives.

Dr. Smith enjoys his role as President when he has the privilege of crowning Most Beautiful.

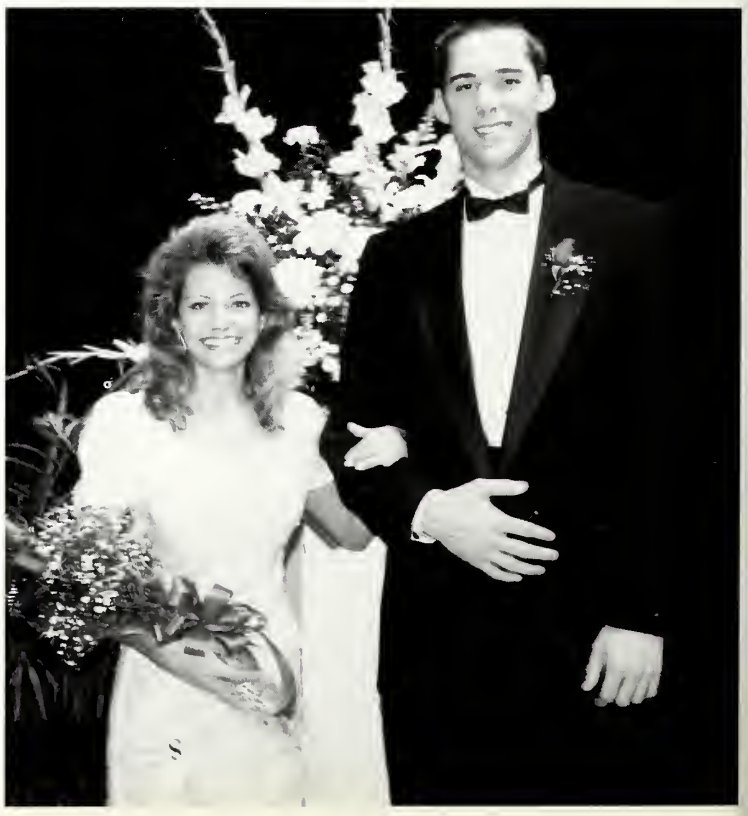
The beauties smile for the camera.

Not only is David Hollingsworth Most Handsome, he is funny too!

(From Left) Amy Gomillion, Davis Fulton, Courtney Wilcher, Hunter Ives, Heather Munn, David Hollingsworth, Dan Gressett, Danna Dye, Zach Sanders, and Krisan Risher.

Top eight beauties (From Left) Jenuifer Pace, Tori Jordan, Michelle Davis, Dana, Heather, Courtney, Amy, and Krisan.

Beauty Amy Gomillion and beau Davis Fulton.

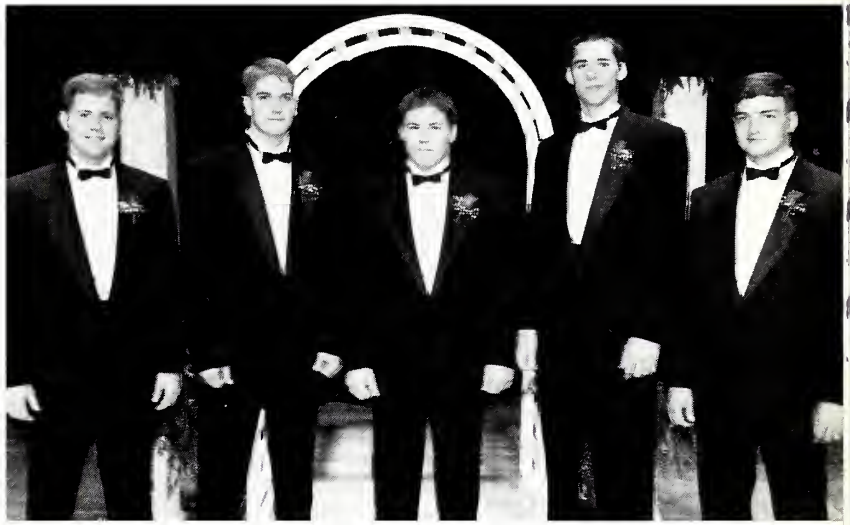


Beauty Danna Dye and beau Dan Gressett.

Night of Magic
Dreams Fulfilled

Most Beautiful Heather Munn and Most Handsome David Hollingsworth.

Beauty Courtney Wilcher and beau Hunter Ives.



Beauty Krisan Risher and beau Zach Sanders.

1998 EC beaus smile for the camera.

Fun and Games?
Life is Serious-Sometimes

Riddle me this: What do you do with two people — Brian and Paula — who make preparation for life seem as easy as "child's play"?

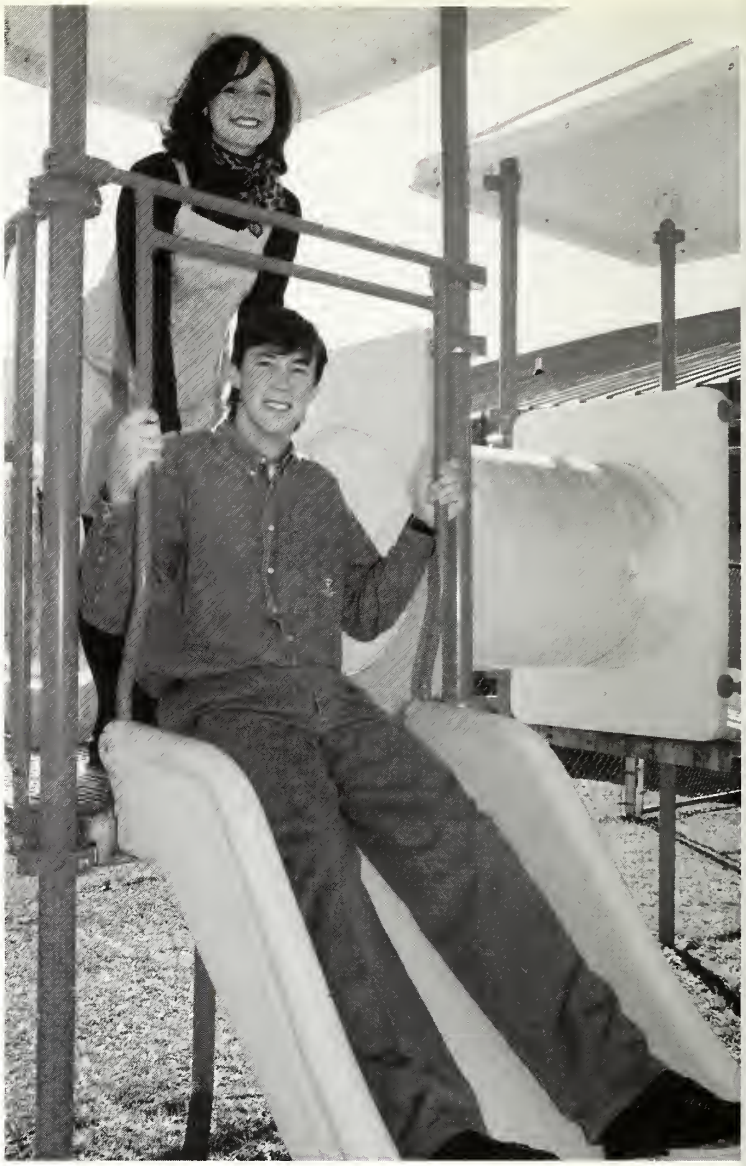
Why, you admire them, praise them — and elect them Mr. and Miss ECCC!

A business administration major from Carthage, Brian Sistrunk found that accepting responsibility was easier with the backing of his mother, who provided a positive role model. "She has worked hard for everything ... but will never quit until she knows she has done her best." A member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Student Council, Sistrunk represented East Central on the golf and tennis teams and was a participant in intramural sports. As he prepared at EC to seek a degree in real estate and insurance at Mississippi State, Sistrunk found time to enjoy "the closeness of such a large group of people that were once strangers." He cited Spring Spree '97 as an example: "Everything from the volleyball tournament to the crawfish boil was great. Everyone got to relax that week and have a great time."

Attending East Central is a family tradition that Paula Crawford was proud to continue: "ECCC started my college life and helped me make a transition from high school. It helped me to be more independent." A member of the Warrior Corp, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and Phi Theata Kappa, Crawford served as SBA secretary and represented the college in softball, tennis, and cheerleading. A pre-dentistry major with plans to attend Ole Miss, she gratefully acknowledged the support of her parents "because they are loving, caring, and Christian people. I would love to have the influence on my children that my parents have had on me." Time-out from her studies included Spring Spree, her "favorite time on campus. Especially when everyone was being thrown in the mud pool. Our team tied for first in the tug-o-war contest."

College students. The phrase invites stereotypes: bookish nerds, party animals, dumb jocks. Brian and Paula reveal the truth, that college offers an exhilarating education for mind, spirit, and body that creates a whole person. It is a serious and challenging endeavor.

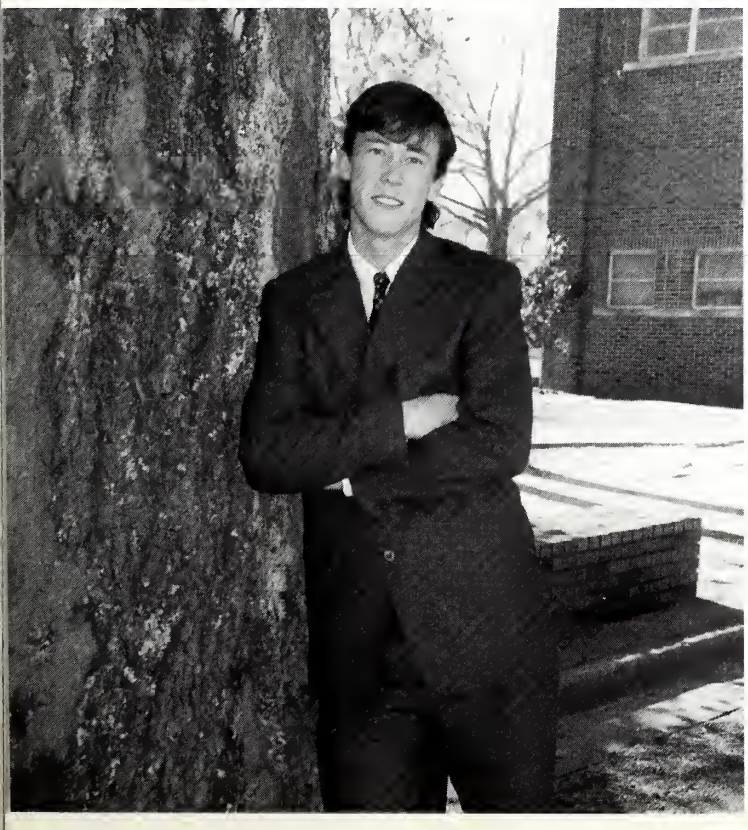
It's also a lot of fun.



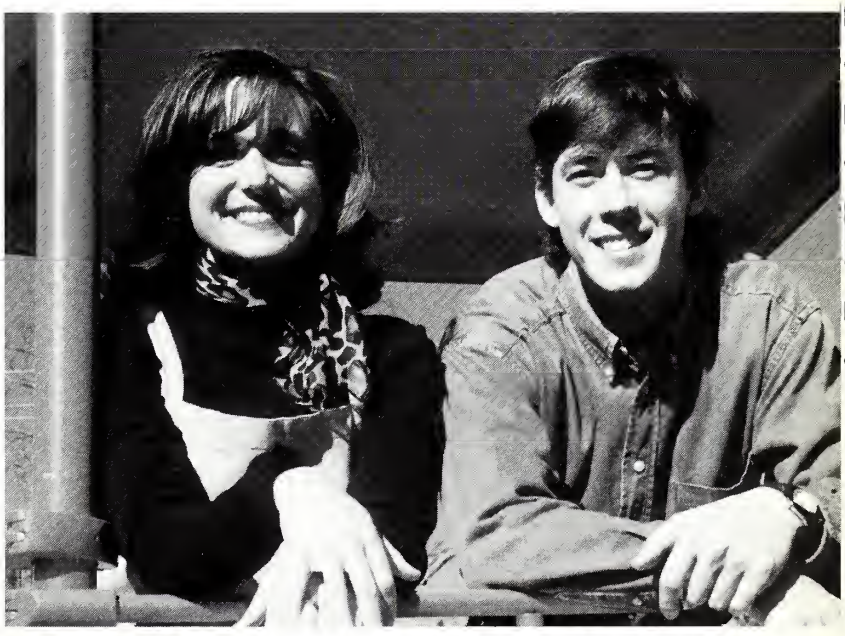
Mr. and Miss ECCC at ease on the playground equipment.

Paula and Brian, a winning pair.

Paula Crawford smiles as she enjoys the beauty of the campus.



Brian poses for the camera in an air of confidence.



Paula and Brian project their beautiful smiles.

Mr. and Miss ECCC-Brian Sistrunk and Paula Crawford.

1998 Class Favorites (seated L to R) Amber Woods, Natalie Vowell, Ginger Moore, Suzanne Warren, Jamie Floyd, Kamonica Craig, and Crystal Cooley. (Standing) Doug Gray, Jonathan Mills, Josh Hatcher, Shad Sanders, Dan Gressett, Raland Burks, and Richard Blackburn.

The Ladies of ECCC smile for the camera (LtoR) Suzanne, Kamonica, Amber, Crystal, Natalie, Ginger, and Jamie.

Freshman Class Favorites (Front) Amber Woods, Ginger Moore, and Natalie Vowell; (Back) Doug Gray, Josh Hatcher, and Jonathan Mills.

Life-Altering Choices Really Matter

East Central Community College.

Despite recent unprecedented growth, it's still a small two-year school in a little town in a predominantly rural state. What could it possibly offer that students would find more compelling than the excitement of university life?

The answer is obvious, according to the 1997-98 Class Favorites.

"Every time I'm on campus seems like the best time I have ever had." insisted sophomore Richard Blackburn. A business education major from Newton, Blackburn chose EC "because of all the great opportunities that could be offered me." A basketball scholarship lured Jamie Floyd from her home in Smackover, Arkansas, to Decatur. She noted that EC "has made me more responsible" as she prepares for a career in sports medicine. Suzanne Warren echoed Floyd's belief, adding that the college has "taught me to handle many things on my own. I feel I have grown in every way" — useful training for a prospective nurse.

Amber Woods, a freshman majoring in liberal arts, came to East Central because "it's a great junior college in our area where I know I could get involved" — as a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Diamond Girls, Josh Hatcher of Philadelphia found EC to be the best place "to get a good start in college," a reason that also made sense to Natalie Vowell, another freshman favorite.

Perhaps Richard Blackburn said it best: East Central "made me a better person in every aspect of my life."

And of course, that's all that <u>really</u> matters.

Sophomore Class Favorites (From Left) Crystal Cooley, Suzanne Warren, Kamonica Craig, Jamie Floyd, Dan Gressett, Shad Sanders, Raland Burks, and Richard Blackburn

DID YOU KNOW . . .
In May 1968, Basil Harrison Willis, an elementary education major, became the first Native American to graduate from East Central Community College. Willis praised the school's friendly atmosphere in a 1968 <u>Tom-Tom</u> article.

The men of ECCC mount the wall. (From Left) Josh, Doug, Jonathan, Shad, Dan, Raland, and Richard.

STUDENT BODY

Denise Abel, Sebastopol, F
Jennifer Adcock, Carthage, F
Gatretta Adams, Meridian, S
James Adams, Carthage, F
Becky Addy, Decatur, S
Jeff Addy, Decatur, S
Jerri Adkins, Union, F

Mary Adkins, Union, F
Silje Adnesen, Norway, F
Kelly Alexander, Little Rock, S
Richard Alexander, Lena, S
Shanna Alexander, Collinsville, F
Tijuana Alexander, Little Rock, S
Jason Alford, Philadelphia, S

Jennifer Alford, Philadelphia, F
Ashley Allard, Philadelphia, S
Jason Allen, Union, S
Jason Allen, Bay Springs, S
Melissa Allen, Philadelphia, F
Tammy Allen, Philadelphia, F
Lynn Allison, Philadelphia, S

Jacqueline Amerson, Decatur, F
Attalia Amos, Philadelphia, S
Elisha Amos, Philadelphia, F
Joseph Anders, Tuscaloosa, AL; S
Chad Anderson, Union, F
Lasherish Anderson, Lake, F
Shameca Anderson, Forest, S

William Anderson, Philadelphia, S
Catherine Andrews, Bolton, F
Chris Anthony, Morton, S
John Anthony, Sebastapol, F
Brenda Apperson, Philadelphia, F
Crystal Apperson, Philadelphia, F
Audrey Archie, Meridian, F

Calvin Arrington, Meridian, S
Keith Arrington, Meridian, S
Phyllis Armstrong, Morton, S
Benita Atkinson, Carthage, S
Brandi Atkinson, Carthage, S
Donnie Atkinson, Philadelphia, S

Norma Bacon, Philadelphia, S
Patrick Bacon, Carthage, S
Brad Bailey, Louisville, S
Calvin Bailey, Union, F
Jo Ann Baity, Louisville, F
Josh Bamberg, Decatur, S
Malcolm Banks, Forest, F

Deanna Bankston, Union, S
Tracy Barnes, Union, F
Shane Barnes, Carthage, F
Nicole Barrett, Morton, S
John Baskin, Noxapater, F
Joyce Bassett, Forest, F
Kelly Bates, Morton, S

Name: Pamela Atkinson
Status: Freshman
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Philadelphia, MS
Favorite Book: The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Favorite Movie: Scream
Favorite Song: "Somebody to Love"

Chris Beamon, Newton, S
Robert S. Beckley, Newton, S
Kenneth Bell, Philadelphia, F
Matthew Bell, Philadelphia, F
Rhonda Bell, Heidelberg, F
Cyrus Ben, Philadelphia, S
Elijah W. Ben, Philadelphia, S

Alisha B. Bennett, Morton, S
Melissa Bennett, Louisville, S
Melissa Billie, Philadelphia, F
Roberta Billy, Carthage, F
Kaye Bishop, Newton, S
Richard Blackburn, Newton, S
Michelle Blackwell, Carthage, F

Stephanie Blair, Louisville, F
Timothy Boswell, Philadelphia, S
Brandie Bounds, Forest, F
Jeremy Bounds, Newton, F
Cindy Bout, Sebastapol, F
Jermaine Boyd, Tuscaloosa, AL; F
Laura Boyd, Morton, S

Wesley Boyd, Morton, F
Mandy Boydston, Louisville, S
Sharon Boyette, Philadelphia, F
Leslie Bracken, Hickory, F
Lynn Bradford, Forest, S
Tiffany Bradford, Morton, F
Tammy Bradley, Philadelphia, F

Melissa Brand, Decatur, S
Amanda Brashear, Union, F
Amanda Braxton, Philadelphia, S
Penny Breen, Decatur, F
Duane Brisbon, Cross, SC; F
Barbara Brown, Meridian, F
Connie Brown, Forest, F

STUDENT BODY

Katie Brown, Sebastapol, F
Sharae Brown, Forest, F
Josh Bryan, Philadelphia, F
Brian Buckley, Enterprise, F
Santrea Buckner, Morton, S
Stephanie Bugg, Lake, F
Emily Bullock, Decatur, S

Mike Burgin, Union, F
Melanie Burkett, Kosciusko, S
Richard Burkett, Carthage, F
Amanda Burks, Philadelphia, S
Raland Burks, Hickory, S
John Burrell, Forest, S
Misty Burrell, Forest, F

Chasity Burrow, Philadelphia, F
Mandy Burt, Philadelphia, F
Derek Burton, Decatur, F
Henry Burton, Sebastapol, F
Kim Burton, Union, F
Richard Burton, Little Rock, S
Amy Butler, Union, F

Candi Butler, Morton, F
Tamekia Butler, Forest, F
William Cade, Knoxville, TN; F
Genise Campbell, Decatur, F
Brenda Carr, Forest, F
Josh Carroll, Carthage, S
Bobby Carter, Noxapater, F

Detra Carter, Decatur, S
Kevin Carter, Union, S
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Leslee Carter, Decatur, F
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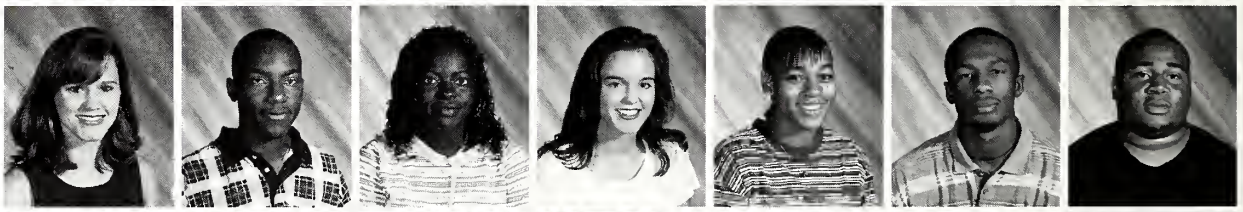


Mason Certain, Jr., Forest, S
Anthony Chambers, Meridian, F
Lasicillie Chambers, Meridian, S
Kevin Chamblee, Edinburg, S
Corrin Chambliss, Louisville, F
Chad Champion, Tuscaloosa, AL: F
Leigha Chancellor, Louisville, S

Justin Chaney, Little Rock, F
Crystal Chapman, Newton, F
Denise Chapman, Newton, F
Dyrana Charlie, Conehatta, F
Tressie Charlie, Philadelphia, S
Joshua Cherry, Philadelphia, F
Lisa Chesney, Union, F

Stan Chesney, Philadelphia, F
Sandra Chisolm, Philadelphia, S
Greg Chitwood, Philadelphia, S
Samantha Church, Conehatta, F
Henry Cistrunk, Louisville, S
Kimberly Cistrunk, Louisville, F
Ashley City, Newton, F

Name: Aaron Cooley
Status: Freshman
Major: Agricultural Education
Hometown: Chunky, MS
Favorite TV Show: Tool Time
Favorite Book: The Firm
Favorite Movie: Dirty Harry

Mia Claoborne, Newton, F
Kendrick Clancy, Tuscaloosa, AL; S
Julie Clanton, Newton, S
Tony Clanton, Lawrence, F
Allen Clark, Noxapater, F
Amy Clark, Chunky, F
Amy Clark, Louisville, F

Sherry Clark, Meridian, F
Brit Cleveland, Union, F
Karen Coffman, Newton, F
Wade Coghlan, Philadelphia, F
Kevin Cole, Philadelphia, F
Cedric Coleman, Louisville, S
Christopher Coleman, Louisville, F

Sheila Coleman, Louisville, F
Kristi Conrad, Union, S
Zeb Cook, Carthage, F
Crystal Cooley, Hickory, S
Jessica Cooley, Little Rock, F
Lykisa Cooley, Waynesboro, S
Britt Cooper, Carthage, F

Kevin Cope, Louisville, F
Butch Copeland, Philadelphia, F
Jennifer Covington, Philadelphia, F
Tammy Crabtree, Little Rock, F
Jennifer Craft, Forest, S
Tracey Craft, Raleigh, F
Kamonica Craig, Louisville, S

Stephanie Craig, Hickory, S
Erin Craven, Newton, S
Paula Crawford, Philadelphia, S
Brad Creel, Meridian, F
John Critz, Philadelphia, F
April Crocker, Little Rock, S
Suzette Crocker, Little Rock, F

STUDENT BODY

Allison Crosby, Lake, F
Chris Crosby, Louisville, S
Demetrius Cross, Walnut Grove, F
Joyce Crudup, Forest, F
Cassandra Culwell, Louisville, F
William Curry, Jr., Tuscaloosa, AL; S
Terrel Curtis, Louisville, F

Leroy Cutway, Decatur, F
Michael Cutway, Decatur, S
Jonathan Darby, Forest, F
Lori Darsey, Hickory, F
Sue Ann Davidson, Philadelphia, F
Wanda Davidson, Union, F
Arsheka Davis, Union, F

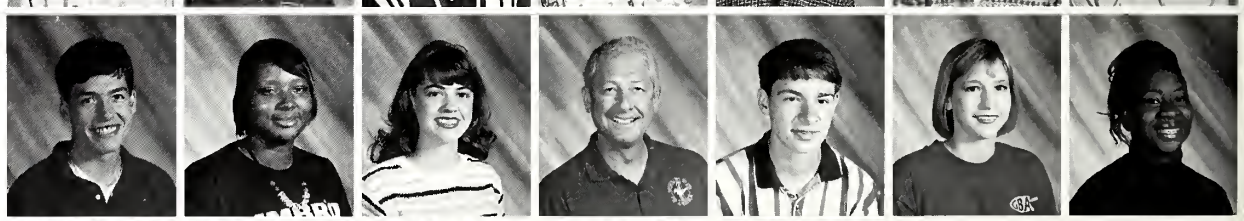
Candra Davis, Union, S
Ellie Davis, Union, F
Kytrenia Davis, Morton, S
Lakkeshia Davis, Newton, F
Michelle Davis, Decatur, F
Terkeisa Davis, Louisville, F
Michael Dawkins, Louisville, F

Shanna Dees, Philadelphia, S
Amy Dellaria, Decatur, F
Barry Denson, Carthage, S
Nichole DeWeese, Philadelphia, S
Michael Dickerson, Louisville, F
Pandora Dixon, Louisville, F
Dea Anne Dolan, Union, F

Mike Donovan, S
Uwe Dotzauer, Landau, Germany; F
Juan Draine, Mobile, AL; S
Chris Dueitt, Leakesville, F
Amy Duncan, Union, F
Brandi Duncan, Philadelphia, F
Danna Dye, Morton, F

Kevin Dyess, Quitman, S
Michelle Easom, Sebastopol, S
Jason Eason, Forest, F
Melinda Eaves, Louisville, S
Jeff Edwards, Louisville, F
Joe Edwards, Sebastopol, F
Natalie Edwards, Louisville, S

Robert Edwards, Louisville, F
Quintina Edwards, Mobile, AL; F
Tiffany Edwards, Forest, F
Marcus Ellis, Walnut Grove, F
Aaron Emerson, Philadelphia, S
Angie England, Kosciusko, S
Carmen Evans, Philadelphia, S



Chafony Evans, Newton, F
Chas Evans, Chunky, F
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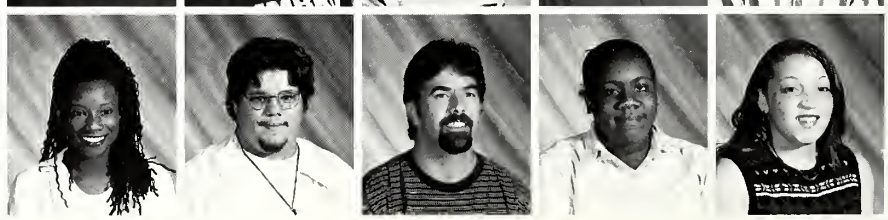
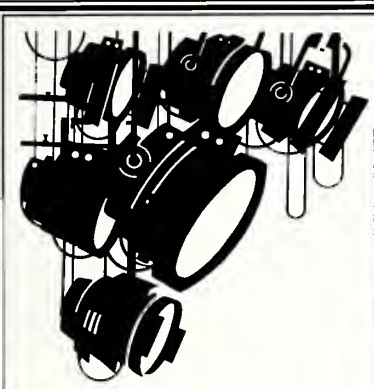
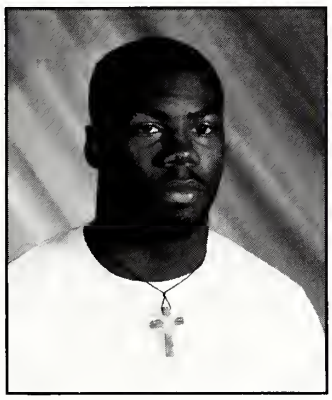
Kim Evans, Newton, F
Romonica Evans, Newton, F







Name: Kendrick Earby
Status: Freshman
Major: Computer Science
Hometown: Morton, MS
Favorite Song: "All That I Got Is You"

Why He Chose ECCC: "I thought it would make the transition from high school to a senior college easier."

Tory Evans, Newton, S
Valerie Evans, Philadelphia, F
Kristina Eversoll, Union, F
Travis Faith, Union, S
Melissa Farmer, Philadelphia, F
Randy Farve, Philadelphia, F
Laura Faulk, Louisville, F

Andrea Faulkenberg, Philadelphia, F
Donald Faulkner, Forest, S
John Faulkner, Carthage, S
Jayme Ferguson, Union, S
Cody Fisher, Union, F
Jessie Fitzgerald, Meridian, F
Jamie Flake, Louisville, F

Mark Fleming, Philadelphia, F
Donnie Fletcher, Carthage, F
Joy Lynn Flowers, Meridian, F
Jamie Floyd, Smackover, AK; S
Shayla Foster, Louisville, F
Lizanne Fowler, Meridian, S
Rhonda Fox, Philadelphia, S

Karen Frazier, Philadelphia, S
Seretha Farzier, Louisville, F
Tammy Frazier, Louisville, F
Joni French, Forest, S
Ronit Frey, Louisville, F
Tiffany Frith, Morton, F
Barbara Fulton, Edinburg, S

Beckie Fulton, Carthage, F
Davis Fulton, Philadelphia, S
Beth Gainey, Walnut Grove, S
Juanita Gardinski, Philadelphia, F
Carey Garrison, Decatur, F
Beth Garvin, Newton, F
Crystal Gee, Carthage, F

STUDENT BODY

Chantel George, Philadelphia, F
Kim George, Philadelphia, F
Crystal Germany, Neshoba, S
Megan Gibson, Philadelphia, S
Amanda Gilbert, Carthage, S
Alex Gill, Walnut Grove, S
Laura Gill, Carthage, S

Theresa Gill, Walnut Grove, S
Ryan Gilmer, Philadelphia, S
Richelle Givens, Meridian, S
Stewart Glass, Noxapater, F
Jessica Goforth, Union, F
Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove, S
Linda Goodwin, Noxapater, F

Cindy Goss, Sebastopol, S
Kellie Goss, Philadelphia, F
Willie Grace, Meridian, S
Catina Graham, Forest, S
Doug Graham, Philadelphia, F
Jason Gray, Philadelphia, S
Justin Gray, Meridian, F

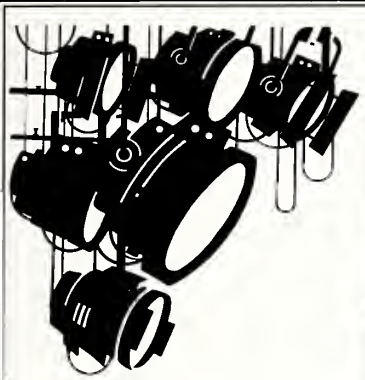
Brian Green, Decatur, S
Bridget Green, Louisville, F
Michael Green, Carthage, F
Quiana Green, Decatur, F
Ginger Greer, Carthage, S
Sissy Greer, Carthage, S
Brad Gregory, Louisville, F

Dan Gressett, Lake, S
Linzy Gressett, Carthage, F
Jonathan Grice, Carthage, F
Brooke Griffith, Hickory, S
Raimey Gryner, Union, F
Randy Guice, Carthage, F
Anthony Guy, Morton, F

Jason Hailey, Louisville, S
Michael Hall, Lena, F
Stacie Hall, Pulaski, F
Donald Halton, Paulding, F
Daniel A. Hamilton, Louisville, S
Holly Hamrick, Newton, S
Daniel Hannis, Edinburg, F

Glen Hansford, Decatur, S
Neil Hansford, Decatur, F
Chris Haralson, Forest, S
Dedrick Hardin, Louisville, F
Undeon Hardy, Philadelphia, S
Velesha Hare, Paulding, F
Marquitta Harper, Carthage, S

Michael Harper, Carthage, S
Becky Harrell, Lena, F
Misti Harrell, Forest, F
Kendrick Harris, Carthage, F
Kristina Harris, Lawrence, F
Melanie Harris, Decatur, F
Stacy Harris, Forest, F



Name: Shaquenia Huddleston
Status: Sophomore
Major: Medical Office Technology
Hometown: Newton, MS
Favorite Book: Where the Red Fern Grows
Favorite Movie: A Time to Kill
Favorite TV Show: Melrose Place

Janet Harrison, Little Rock, S
Kelly Harrison, Carthage, S
Joan Harvey, Philadelphia, F
Latasha Harvey, Brandon, S
Cassandra Haskins, Union, F
Josh Hatcher, Philadelphia, F
Michael Hathorn, Louisville, F

Melissa Hawkins, Raleigh, S
Demeteria Hayman, Philadelphia, S
Kevin Hayman, Morton, S
Joseph Haynes, Louisville, F
Angela Hays, Carthage, F
Joseph Heathcock, Enterprise, F
Seth Hebert, New Iberia, LA; S

George Hedgepeth, Union, S
Janet Hedgepeth, Union, S
Rebecca Henderson, Sebastopol, F
Dan Hendon, Union, S
Bryant Henry, Philadelphia, F
Josh Herrington, Philadelphia, F
Gwendolyn Hickman, Louisville, F

Sandie Hickman, Philadelphia, F
Quanta Hill, Philadelphia, S
Brian Hillie, Newton, F
Tanya Himebaugh, Union, F
Alethia Hitt, Union, F
Brenda Holder, Newton, F
Dorothy Holdiness, Louisville, F

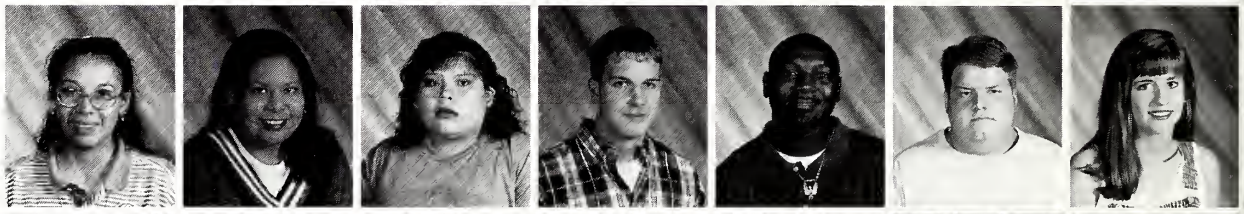
Susan Holley, Union, F
David Hollingsworth, Jr., Newton, S
Harley Hollingsworth, Carthage, S
Eric Holmes, Louisville, F
Christina Hooks, Louisville, S

STUDENT BODY

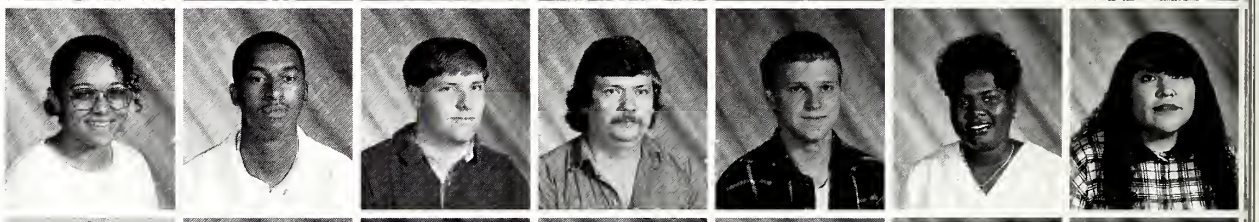
Deric D. Horne, Philadelphia, S
Anthony Hornesbuger, Noxapater, F
Cindy Hornesbuger, Noxapater, F
Jennifer Horton, Decatur, F
Ashley Howard, Canton, F
Randy Howell, Philadelphia, S
Anthony Hoxie, Philadelphia, S

Jennifer Huey, Collinsville, F
David Huffman, Philadelphia, S
Jessie Hughes, Noxapater, F
Tawanna Hunter, Union, S
Rufus Husband, Jr., Newton, S
Shar'Lee Ingram, Carthage, F

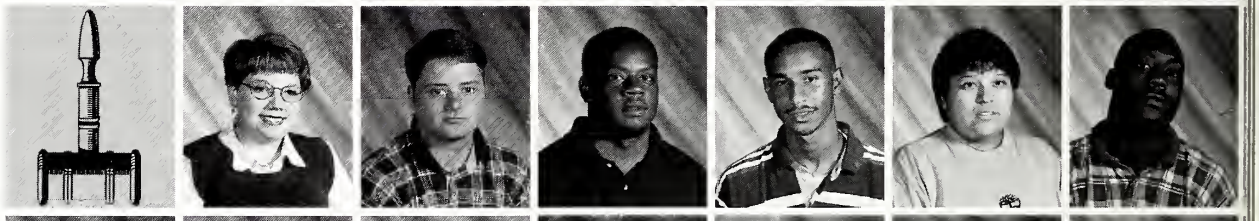
Christina Isaac, Philadelphia, F
Prisinda Isaac, Philadelphia, S
Valarie Issaac, Philadelphia, S
Hunter Ives, Newton, F
Emmitte Ivy, Louisville, S
Ben Jackson, Louisville, F
Stacy Jackson, Little Rock, F



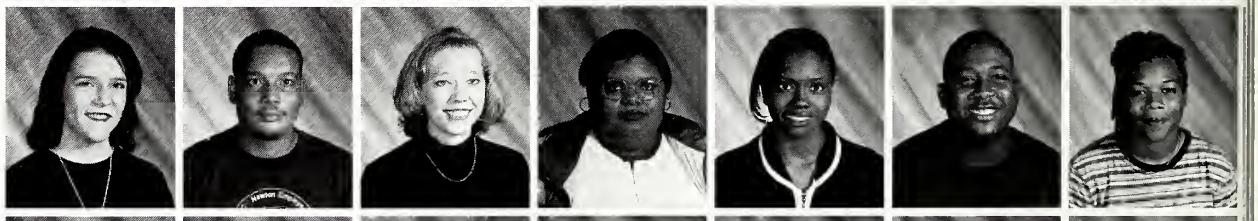
Tina Jackson, Philadelphia, F
Carlos Jenkins, Forest, S
Chris Jenkins, Carthage, S
Eddie Jenkins, Philadelphia, F
Jake Jenkins, Morton, S
Robin Jennings, Morton, F
Bianca Jim, Philadelphia, S



Kendra Johns, Louisville, F
Bill Johnson, Hickory, S
Byron Johnson, Louisville, S
Clifton Johnson, Meridian, S
Denise John, Philadelphia, S
Eddie Johnson, III, Morton, S



Hillary Johnson, Conchatta, S
John Johnson, Newton, S
Joy Johnson, Forest, F
Kenyata Johnson, Newton, F
Latrecia Johnson, Hickory, F
Marcus Johnson, Morton, S
Paula Johnson, Forest, F



Roshanda Johnson, Meridian, F
Michael Joiner, Louisville, S
Amanda Jones, Sebastopol, F
Betty Jones, Philadelphia, S
Chasity Jones, Morton, F
David Jones, Rosebud, S
Jason Jones, Union, S

Jermaine Jones, Newton, S
Jusitn Jones, Carthage, S
Kristi Jones, Decatur, F
Lakeshia Jones, Carthage, F
Lisa Jones, Pulaski, F
Marcus Jones, Morton, S
Michael Jones, Forest, S

Name: Ty Jankowski
Status: Sophomore
Major: Liberal Arts/ Criminal Justice
Hometown: Forest, MS
Favorite Song: "Margaritaville"
Favorite TV Show: Late Night with Conan O'Brien
Why he Chose ECCC: "Location, reputation of academic and band programs, cost."

Milessa Jones, Bay Springs, F
William Jones, Hickory, F
Alicia Jordan, Sebastopol, F
Jessica Jordan, Edinburg, S
Tori Jordan, Decatur, S
Lani Kea, Edinburg, F
Jeremy Keene, Union, F

Amanda Keeton, Morton, F
Thomas Keith, Decatur, F
Rodney Kelly, Louisville, F
Leann Kemp, Carthage, F
Amanda Kemp, Carthage, F
Christina Kennedy, Lake, F

Davis Killen, Sebastapol, F
Menola Kincaid, Morton, S
Brian King, Louisville, F
Keidra King, Morton, S
Lozena King, Hickory, F
Lucretia King, Philadelphia, S
Kelvin Knowles, Louisville, F

Melissa Knowles, Forest, F
Shasta Knowles, Forest, F
Dianne Laine, Louisville, F
Bethany Laird, Newton, F
Stacey Laird, Newton, F
Sandra Lampkin, Newton, S
Betsy Lang, Sebastopol, F

Joey Lang, Union, S
Kaye Lang, Sebastopol, S
Gary Langly, Collinsville, F
Marcus Laster, Morton, F
Keisha Latham, Carthage, F
Betina Latiker, Carthage, F
Kristy Leach, Lake, S

STUDENT BODY

Alexander Lee, Lake, S
Michelle Lee, Decatur, S
Charles Leflore, Carthage, F
Nicholas Leflore, Carthage, F
David Lepard, Philadelphia, F
Jerome Lepard, Edinburg, F
Nathan Lepard, Edinburg, F

Casey Lewis, Madden, F
Crystal Lewis, Philadelphia, S
Kimberlane Lewis, Philadelphia, S
Stephan Liggett, Newton, F
Charlie Lightsey, Philadelphia, F
Tony Lilly, Philadelphia, F
Brock Lillis, Philadelphia, F

Shannon Lindsey, Newton, S
Shaun Lloyd, Lena, S
Maxim Lobentovich, Ukraine, S
Justin Long, Philadelphia, F
Felicia, Loper, Lake, F
Kara Loper, Philadelphia, S
Latoya Loper, Lake, F

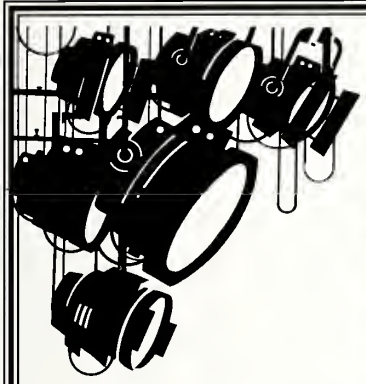
Shirley Loper, Decatur, S
Annie Lovern, Noxapater, F
Felix Loving, Louisville, F
Adam Lowrey, Louisville, F
Kylie Luke, Nanih Waiya, F
Pamela Luke, Little Rock, F
Becky Lundy, Walnut Grove, S

Mary Gaye Lunsford, Collinsville, S
Joslyn Mapp, Decatur, F
Wendy Mapp, Decatur, F
Adam Mars, Philadelphia, F
Felisha Martin, Louisville, F
Travis Martin, Edinburg, F
Kasha Mason, Decatur, F

Rodney L. Mason, Noxapater, S
Amy Massey, Morton, F
Christina Massey, Newton, F
Kathryn Mathis, Philadelphia, F
Natasha Mathis, Decatur, S
Dustin Mathews, West Monroe, LA; F
Casey May, Forest, F

David May,Newton, F
Stephen May, Newton, S
Christina Mayfield, Lake, F
Mich McAdory, Noxapater, S
Rosemary McArthur, Louisville, F
Cassandra McCarter, Forest, S
Abby McCarty, Laplace, LA; S

Candice McCormick, Forest, S
Ashaki McCoy, Newton, F
Seth McCoy, Philadelphia, S
Billie McCune, Union, S
Misty McCurdy, Morton, S



Name: Anthony Jimmerson
Status: Freshman
Major: Sports Medicine
Hometown: Louisville, MS
Favorite Song: "It's so Hard to say Goodby to Yesterday"
Favorite Book: Bat 21
Favorite Movie: The Program

Jonathan McDonald, Carthage, F
Rose McDonald, Morton, F
Jennifer McDaniel, Union, S
Marissa McGee, Hickory, S
Javarus McGee, Jackson, F
Vicki McGee, Forest, S
Nichol McKee, Little Rock, F

Shelley McKinley, Forest, F
Jay McLendon, Belzoni, S
Amanda McMillan, Lake, F
Kenny McMillon, Carthage, F
Dustin McMullan, Decatur, F
Jennifer McWilliams, Philadelphia, F
Mandy Measell, Decatur, F

Chase Measells, Morton, S
Malinda Melton, Newton, F
David Middleton, Carthage, F
Amanda Miles, Union, F
Justin Miles, Louisville, S
Yancie Miles, Philadelphia, S
Debra Miller, Decatur, F

Jamie Miller, Forest, F
Leslie Miller, Louisville, F
Jonathan Mills, Philadelphia, F
Jenny Ming, Louisville, S
Laura Ming, Winston, F
Demondo Mingo, Philadelphia, F
Dana Misso, Louisville, F

Christopher Mitchell, Lena, F
Ragan Mitchell, Winston, F
Teresa Mitchell, Decatur, S
Timothy Mitchell, Jr., Forest, S
Paul Moffett, Newton, S
Kathryn Montgomery, Meridian, F
Beverly Moody, Philadelphia, F

STUDENT BODY

Heather Moody, Louisville, F
Stephanie Moody, Louisville, F
Amanda Moore, Carthage, S
Donna Moore, Carthage, F
Edwin Joe Moore, Noxapater, S
Ginger Moore, Noxapater, F
Kizzy Moore, Philadelphia, F

Patricia Moore, Newton, S
Jedidah Moore, Philadelphia, S
Rod Moore, Nanih Waiya, S
Teresa Moore, Carthage, F
Steven Morgan, Carthage, S
Adam Morrison, Edinburg, F
B.J. Morrow, Philadelphia, F

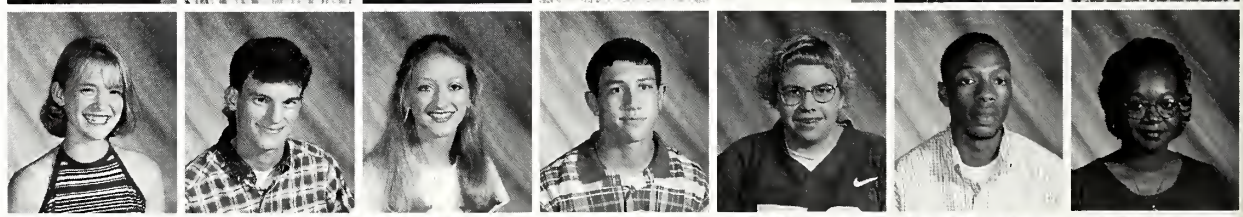
Floyd Mosley, Tuscon, AZ; F
Bobby Moss, Carthage, S
Kathy Moulds, Decatur, S
Frank Mroz, Bradenton, FL; F
Heather Munn, Newton, F
Alicia Murphy, Philadelphia, F
Ellake Murray, Forest, F

Kevin Murry, Noxapater, F
Chad Neese, Philadelphia, S
Leslie Nelson, Philadelphia, S
Lisa Nelson, Philadelphia, S
SaShoney Nelson, Union, S
Carolyn Nettles, Forest, F
Pamela Newton, Forest, S

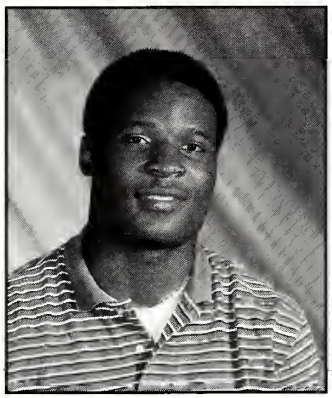
Horace Nash, Carthage, S
Kimberly Nicholson, Neshoba, F
Shuelet Norman, Walnut Grove, S
Antonia Norris, Raleigh, F
Chad Nowell, Philadelphia, S
Jeremy Nowell, Nanih Waiya, S
Krystal Nowell, Philadelphia, F

Maude Patrick, Lawrence, F
Schnitta Patrick, Walnut Grove, S
Tracy Patrick, Lake, S
Angela Patterson, Union, F
Christy Pearce, Decatur, F
Pamela Pearson, Philadelphia, S
Percy Pearson, Decatur, F

Terri Peden, Louisville, F
Brian Pendergrass, Philadelphia, F
Layla Peeples, Newton, S
Carrie Perkins, Walnut Grove, S
Erik Perozo, Lake, F
Detrick Perry, Union, S
Willie Ruth Perry, F



Brock Phillips, Philadelphia, S
Carla Phillips, Sebastopol, S
Tami Phillips, Union, F
Wendy Phillips, Philadelphia, F
Tracie Pickens, Union, S
Adrienne Pickett, Louisville, S
Amy Pigg, Edinburg, F



Name: Kenny Kelly
Status: Sophomore
Major: Liberal Arts
Hometown: Panama City, FL
Favorite Movie: The Menace II Society
Favorite Book: The Firm
What He likes Best about ECCC: Football

Alcibiades Pineda F
Sonya Pinkston, Forest, F
Arnedral Pinkston, Forest, F
Joey Pinston, Forest, S
Paula Pinter, Haperville, F
Mack Pittman, Florida, S
Dana Posey, Philadelphia, F

Annessa Potts, Carthage, S
Stephanie Powell, Pearl, S
Christina Powers, Philadelphia, S
Lisa Price, Carthage, F
Roland Price, F
Jennifer Pullin, S
Christopher Qualls, Newton, F

Alicia Quick, Carthage, F
Mary Quinn, Louisville, S
Suzanne Quinn, Louisville, F
Tammy Rademacher, Louisville, F
Angie Rash, Union, S
David Rawson, Carthage, S
Memrie Rawson, Carthage, F

Jill Ray, Carthage, S
Desmond Reed, Carthage, S
Michael Reeves, Forest, F
Ashlea Renfroe, Morton, S
Alicia Reynolds, Noxapater, F
Carolyn Richardson, Sebastopol, S
Charles Richardson, Newton, F

Gaydon Richardson, Louisville, S
Sarah Richardson, Union, F
Debbie Risher, Morton, S
John Paul Risher, Morton, F
Krisan Risher, Sebastopol, S
James Ridout, Philadelphia, S
Patricia Roberson, Louisville, F

STUDENT BODY

Lucas Nowell, Louisville, S
Yvonne Nowell, Philadelphia, S
Ellen Null, Louisville, S
Glenn Ogletree, Neshoba, F
Shelia Oliver, Little Rock, S
Essie Overstreet, Neshoba, F
Robin Overstreet, Newton, S

Gwen Owens, Lake, S
Joi Owens, Collinsville, S
Jennifer Pace, Decatur, F
Lindy Pace, Newton, F
Melissa Page, Hickory, F
James Palmertree, Forest, F
Anthony Palokas, Carthage, S

Audrey Parker, Lawrence, F
Toronto Parker, Forest, S
Jade Parkes, Decatur, F
Michele Parks, Newton, F
Felicia Parkman, Forest, S
Chester Patrick, Union, F
Lakisha Patrick, Forest, F

Traci Roberson, Louisville, S
Andrea Robertson, Philadelphia, F
Christenie Robertson, Burlington, KY; F
Michelle Robertson, Louisville, S
Debby Robinson, Hickory, F
LeVar Robinson, Morton, S
Carrie Rodriguez, Forest, S

Angelia Roebuck, Union, F
Amy Rogers, Louisville, F
Justin Rogers, Morton, F
Connie Roland, Union, S
Ruth Royston, Union, F
Artress Ruggs, Mobile, AL; F
Beverly Rush, Philadelphia, F

Brandy Rush, Philadelphia, S
Derik Rush, Philadelphia, F
Eric Rush, Philadelphia, F
Rendfred Rush, Philadelphia, S
Christy Rushing, Carthage, F
Danny Rushing, Edinburg, F
Jeremy Rushing, Louisville, F

Jimmy Rushing, Louisville, F
Kisha Rushing, Walnut Grove, S
Derek Russell, Philadelphia, S
Tiffany Russell, Decatur, S
Trent Russell, Union, F
Michael Russum, Burns, F
Andy Sagona, Sebastopol, F

Leslie Salers, Carthage, F
Tina Salter, Philadelphia, S
Valarie Sam, Carthage, F
Racquel Sanders, Meridian, S
Dawn Sanders, Carthage, S
Christy Sanders, Carthage, S
Amanda Sanders, Carthage, S

Name: Regena McCraw
Status: Sophomore
Major: Computer Programming
Hometown: Sebastopol, MS
Her Most Embarrassing Moment at EC: "I stepped in several holes and fell flat on my face."
Her Favorite Instructor or staff member: "Mr. Dempsey! He always says hello and he knows everyone's name!"

Shad Sanders, Carthage, S
Vanessa Sanders, Anchorage, AS; F
Zachary Sanders, Philadelphia, S
Detrick Sanders, Philadelphia, S
Alex Savell, Chunky, S
Lenita Savell, Union, F
Ashley Scarbrough, Quitman, F

Michael Scarbrough, Philadelphia, S
Ashley Scott, Philadelphia, F
William Sebren, Carthage, F
Tim Seese, Walnut Grove, F
Christina Sellers, Morton, F
Keyla Seward, Philadelphia, F
Kimberly Shaffer, Decatur, S

Eric Sharp, Philadelphia, S
Kimberly Sharpe, Forest, F
Lakeasha Sharpe, Forest, F
Louise Sharpe, Forest, F
Brian Shaw, Forest, S
Nathan Shaw, Philadelphia, F
Rebecca Sikes, Carthage, F

Billy Singleton, Philadelphia, S
Brian Sistrunk, Carthage, S
Kelly Sistrunk, Philadelphia, F
B.J. Skinner, Philadelphia, F
Joshua Smith, Little Rock, F
Marcus Smith, Philadelphia, S
Marllana Smith, Carthage, F

Michelle Smith, Union, F
Misty Smith, Union, S
Monica Smith, Louisville, F
Natalie Smith, Philadelphia, S
Natasha Smith, Forest, S
Shanta Smith, Newton, S
Sonya Smith, Decatur, F

STUDENT BODY

Terrell Smith, Carthage, F
Tiffany Smith, Louisville, F
Yolanda Smith, Quitman, F
Johnny Solomon, Lena, S
Kimberly Sorey, Forest, F
Stephanie Spangler, Little Rock, F
Amy Spears, Carthage, S

Harry Spencer, Philadelphia, F
Stephen Spire, Union, S
Casey Spivey, Union, F
Pamela Chunn-Springer, Philadelphia, F
Adria Stamper, Decatur, S
Celeste Staton, Union, F
Susan Staton, Union, F

Kendrick Stennis, Louisville, S
Gail Stephens, Vossburg, F
LeaAnn Stevens, Decatur, F
Scott Stephens, Meridian, S
James Stephenson, Decatur, F
Amanda Stewart, Louisville, F
Chris Stewart, Carthage, S

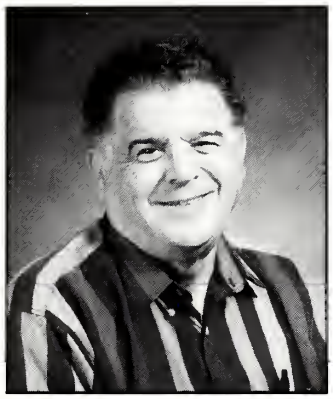
Jim Stewart, Shubuta, S
Maria Stewart, Carthage, F
Michael Stewart, Carthage, S
William Stewart, Philadelphia, F
Roshonda Street, Philadelphia, S
Virginia Stokes, Louisville, F
Matt Stovall, Philadelphia, F

Lawrence Stribling, Carthage, S
Valeria Stribling, Philadelphia, F
Markeith Stafford, Philadelphia, F
Lisa Sullivan, Louisville, F
Derrell Summerville, Meridian, F
Fred Summerville, Meridian, S
Tamekia Surrell, Newton, S

Tameka Sutton, Philadelphia, S
Mark Suwinski, Forest, F
Jason Swain, Louisville, F
Laura Tadlock, Lake, F
Antoinette Taylor, Noxapater, F
Tyquan Taylor, Louisville, S
Felisha Temple, Hickory, F

Carolyn Thames, Decatur, S
Katrina Thames, Decatur, F
Cassy Thrash, Sebastopol, F
Chasity Thrash, Union, F
Ken Thrash, Union, S
Ronnie Thrash, Newton, F
Jenohn Thibodeaux, Carthage, F

Allen Thomas, Meridian, F
Marsha Thomas, Conehatta, F
Maurico Thomas, Atlanta, GA; S
Chris Thompson, Forest, F
Demetrius Thompson, Newton, F
Deric Thompson, Newton, S
Elizabeth Thompson, Forest, F



Name: Roy Pete
Status: Sophomore
Major: Biology
Hometown: Hickory, MS
Favorite Song: "America"
Favorite TV Show: Wild Discovery
Favorite Book: Book of Mormon and the Bible

Seth Thompson, Philadelphia, S
Tieash Thompson, Forest, S
Josh Thornton, Edinburg, F
Justin Thornton, Carthage, S
Melissa Thornton, Carthage, S
Neil Thornton, Union, S
Rusty Thornton, Edinburg, S

Autumn Townsend, Philadelphia, S
Larame Townsend, Lake, F
Scott Townsend, Jena, LA; F
Robert Tranum, Louisville, F
Shea Trapp, Philadelphia, S
William Triplett, Carthage, S
Willie Triplett, Louisville, F

Donna Tubby, Carthage, S
Joseph Tucker, Forest, F
Linda Tucker, Philadelphia, F
Paula Tullos, Union, F
Wendy Tullos, Philadelphia, F
Ethel Tumbling, Newton, F
Lyndsey Tune, Newton, F

Daniel Turner, Decatur, F
Dinah Turner, Philadelphia, F
Donna Turney, Philadelphia, F
Mickey Underwood, Sebastopol, F
Jenna Usry, Lake, F
Ray Waddell, Philadelphia, F
Jason Wade, Carthage, S

Chris Waggoner, Carthage, F
Jessica Waggoner, Morton, F
Charlotte Walker, Newton, F
Dana Walker, Newton, S
Jamanda Walker, Newton, F
LaTasha Walker, Carthage, F
Shaun Walker, Morton, S

STUDENT BODY

T. Reina Walker, Newton, S
Tambra Walker, Hickory, S
Charity Waller, Conehatta, F
Bradford Walley, Forest, F
Mary Warren, Philadelphia, S
Rhonda Warren, McClain, F
Suzanne Warren, Forest, S

Amy Watkins, Carthage, S
Cheryl Watkins, Lake, S
Madonna Watkins, Carthage, S
Yukie Watts, Heidelburg, F
Jonathan Way, Newton, S
Eric Weaver, Newton, S
Melondy Weldon, Forest, F

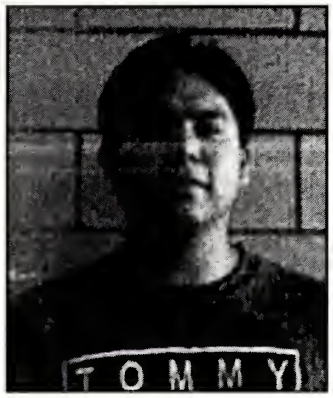
Chondra Lynn Wheaton, Baxter, F
Eric White, Edinburg, F
Jennifer White, Collinsville, F
Lamenda White, Louisville, F
Shannon White, Macon, S
Summer Whitehead, Louisville, S
Sarah Whitesell, Forest, S

Yalonda Whitfield, Newton, F
Michael Whittington, Carthage, F
Tena Wiggins, Raleigh, F
Courtney Wilcher, Edinburg, F
Mandi Wilcher, Carthage, F
Ashley Williams, Forest, F
Charissa Williams, Houma, LA; F
Conswelka Williams, Philadelphia, F
Jason Williams, Newton, F
Leslie Williams, Philadelphia, F
Wynema Williams, Conehatta, F
Amy Williamson, Philadelphia, F
Christy Williams, Philadelphia, F
Parish Williamson, Philadelphia, F

Denise Willis, Philadelphia, S
Greg Willis, Newton, F
Jason Willis, Philadelphia, F
Perez Willis, Decatur, F
Scicile Wilkerson, Morton, F
Tracey D. Wilson, Louin, F
Jacob Wilson, Foley, AL; F

Regina Wilson, Newton, S
Dorothy Windham, Decatur, F
Dana Withers, Carthage, F
Stevie Woitt, Carthage, F
Gregg Wood, Decatur, S

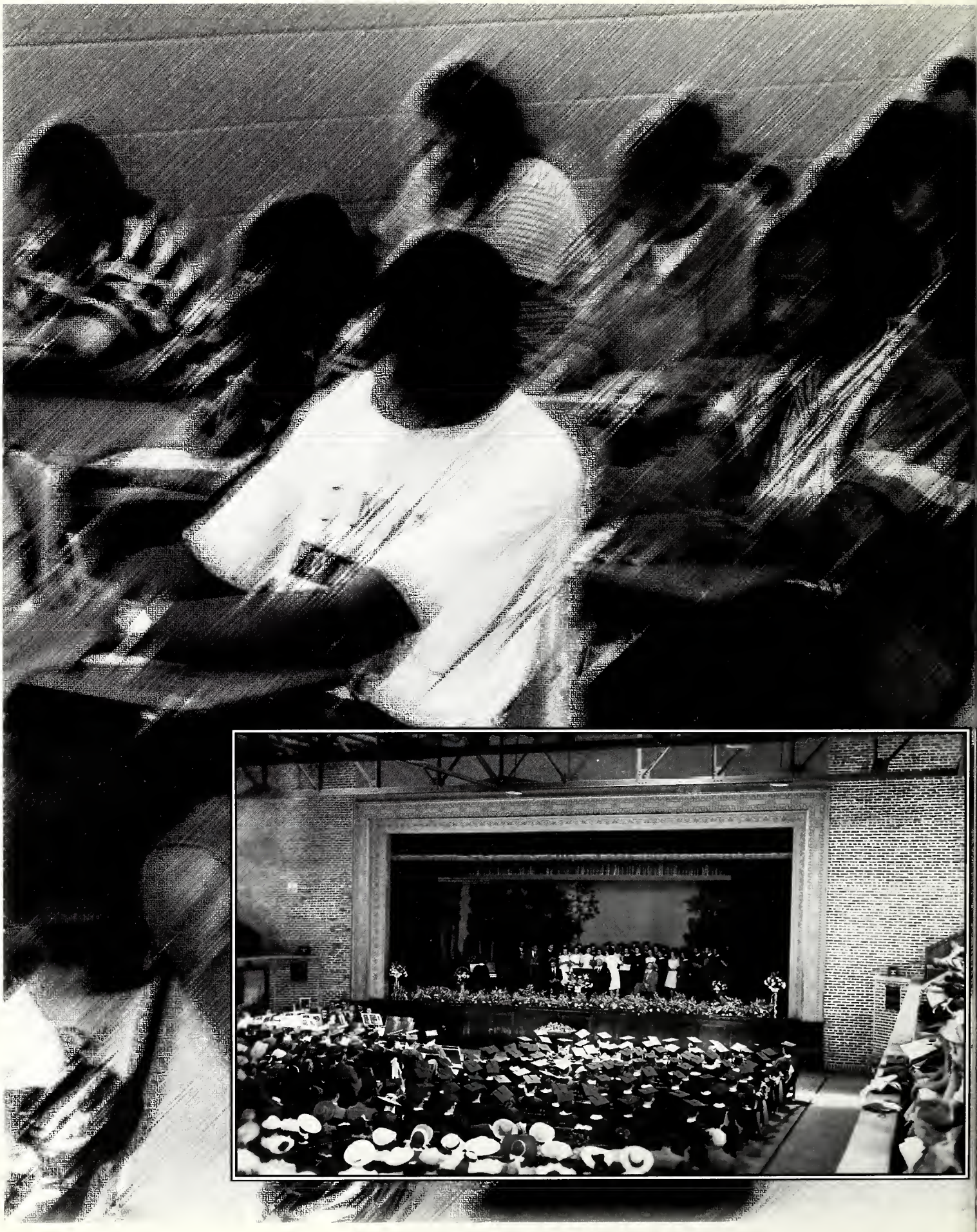
Carla Woodall, Decatur, S
Stacey Woodard, Louisville, F
Amber Woods, Louisville, F
Jessica Worrell, Philadelphia, F
Christy Wooten, Edinburg, F
Laken Wraggs, Louisville, F
Jessica Wright, Forest, F

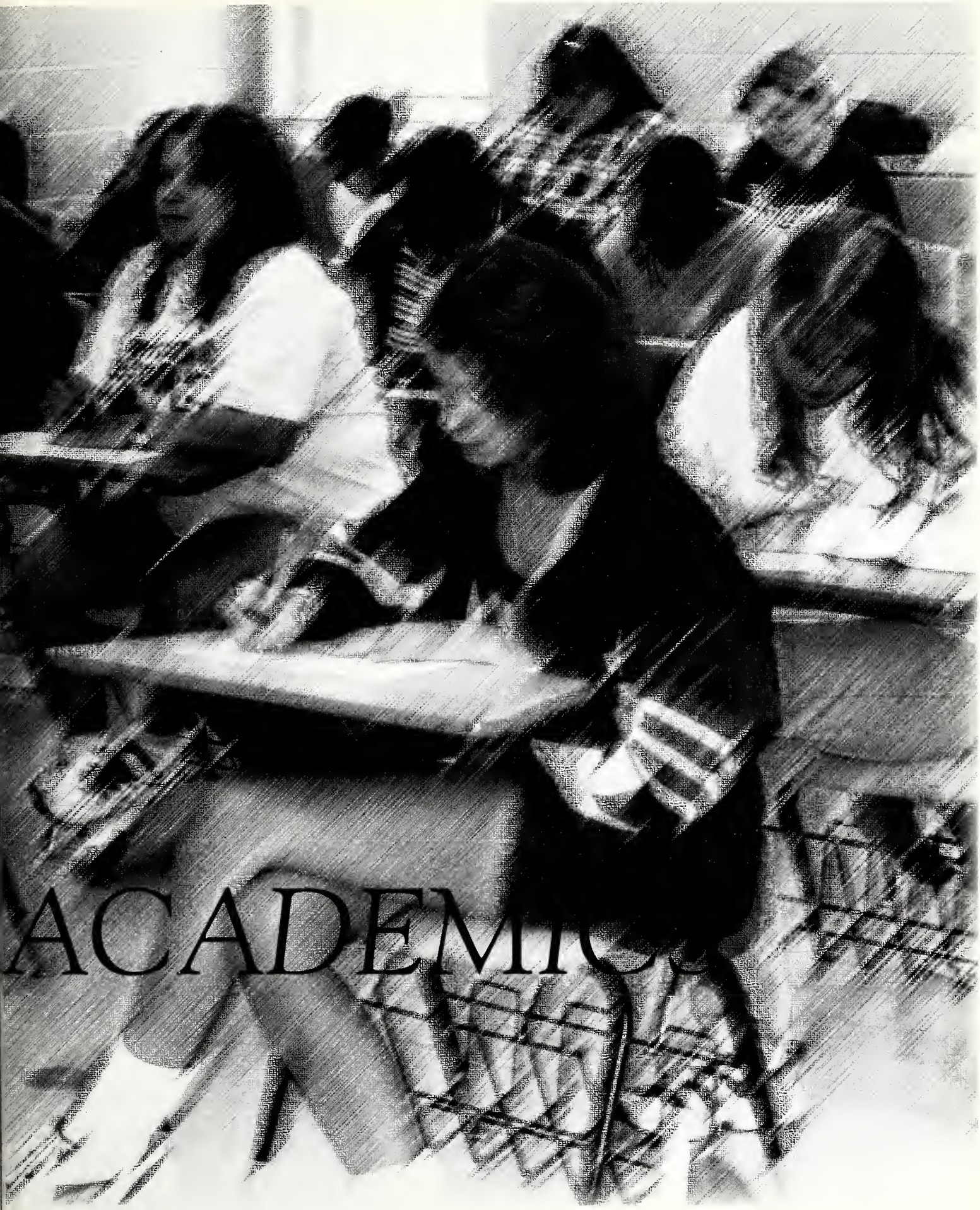


Name:	Craig Willis
Status:	Freshman
Major:	Business Administration
Hometown:	Carthage, MS
Favorite Movie:	James Bond movies
Favorite Song:	"Return to Innocence"
What He likes Best about ECCC:	"The friendly staff, students, and workers around the campus."

Jack Wylie, Montgomery, AL; S
Christal Vanlandingham, Louisville, S
Natalie Vowel, Louisville, F
Randy Yarbrough, Noxapater, S
Nedra York, Philadelphia, F
Rosa York, Philadelphia, S

Ryan York, Walnut Grove, S
Darril Young, Forest, S
Kimberly Young, Noxapater, F
Vanessa Young, Philadelphia, S
Natasha Youngblood, Morton, S




ACADEMIC

Creative Writing instructor Leonard Barrier uses his personal creative "do-rag" to protect himself in the Spring Spree sun.

Robbie Pearson, automotive mechanics instructor, goes over course requirements with an entering freshman.

"Spirited" Legacy

What would they think if they could roam the campus — glance inside a classroom to watch Mr. Barrier help a talented creative writer master her art, or listen as Mr. Price teaches control to a beautiful voice? Would they be amazed to observe Dr. Sutphin reaching across the globe via the Net? Would they nod proudly at Dr. Fisher and Ms. Griffin and Ms. Everett and Mr. Bullock?

What would they think — Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Newsome, who together established an educational legacy that East Central's faculty, staff, and administration strive to uphold? Would they marvel at the technological advances, the expanded campus? Would they mourn the loss or farms and fields? Would they worry that the rapid changes might destroy what they struggled to create?

There is a spirit that permeates this place, a feeling that is an odd mixture of joy and sadness, primal urge and genteel delight. It is a piece of Mississippi, with all that the word ***Mississippi*** *implies. And if there are kind spirits here, watching us grow, waving us on, would they smile? Would they understand?*

Sometime soon, sit in Huff Auditorium, at the top of the stairs, and watch the world through its great windows. Just sit, and look, and let go for a while.

You'll find your answer.

Acting classes have continually prepared students for action on the stage. Take a close look at the smiling Shelby Harris, who was as actively involved as a student as he is now.

Dr. Harris involves himself in all the Phi Theta Kappa activities on the local, state, regional, and international level.

Lamps That Light the Way

Something to brag about: The college's Work-Base Learning Program under the direction of Roger Whitlock was again named "Exemplary Program of the Year" By the Mississippi Department of Vocational-Technical Education. The program, which combines classroom and work site instruction, provides invaluable career preparation for area students. (photo: Warren Harrison)

Graduates of East Central's Licensed Practical Nursing Program earned a 100% pass rate on the State Board Examinations. Members of the first Associate Degree Nursing class also had reason to crow as they achieved a 95% pass rate and the program received full accreditation.

A record number of students — 701 — enrolled in East Central's summer courses at the Decatur campus, a 6.2% increase beyond last year's record high, 658. Academic counselor Michael Alexander counsels one of the 701.

EC's own "Lady with a Lamp," Brenda Whatley-Kirby, was named Nurse Educator of the Year. Whatley-Kirby served as delegate to the State Nurses Convention and for the second consecutive year as a representative to the House of Delegates of the American Nurses Association in Washington, D.C.

EC on the information highway: Burton Library is "up and running" with the installation of the SIRSI system, which features a user-friendly on-line catalog and an automated circulation system, and the MAGNOLIA Project, which gives users access to full-text materials in several thousand periodicals, newspapers, and pamphlets as well as citations for thousands of additional articles.

Phi Theta Kappa, East Central's academic powerhouse, boasted a record 84 members during 1996-97. At the 79th International Convention held in Dallas, Texas, Theta XI Chapter again received a five-star rating, the organization's highest honor, and tied for 18th in the Top 100 chapters, with over 1200 chapters considered for recognition.

"Jailhouse Rock": Instructor Maxine McKee's sociology classes were the temporary guests of the Miss. Dept. of Corrections in Pearl. Students toured the prison and talked to officers as well as "A" custody prisoners — and found themselves shocked at how "ordinary" the inmates seemed. McKee discusses work with Jennifer McWilliams.

Phi Theta Kappa leaders recognized and rewarded the extraordinary achievements of Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris, advisors of East Central's Theta Xi Chapter. Burkes was presented with the prestigious Margaret Mosal Alumni Award; Harris received the Mosal Leadership Award. Harris has matched the stipend accompanying his award and used the monies to establish the Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial Scholarship for Leadership, which will go to East Central students who exemplify the Phi Theta Kappa hallmarks during their freshman year of membership in the honor society.

EC Goes High Tech

Opening Up to a New Era

Jeanette, a nontraditional student at EC, looked anxiously at her daughter's woebegone face.

"Karen, what's wrong?" she asked tenderly.

The eight-year-old was on the verge of tears as she looked up from her monitor screen. "Momma, I need help. I was trying to watch an animated film on the Net, but I have a quick time plug-in error. How can I download quick time for Windows?"

Though Jeanette grew up during an era when "to type" was more meaningful than "to keyboard" or "to word process," she knows how to help her little girl — and herself — utilize 90's technology. Why? Because HER college knows that change — positive or negative — is inevitable. HER college — East Central — is dedicated to making change serve the interests of its five-county community.

A good example is the science and technology course first offered this year and taught at South Campus with outstanding laboratory facilities. With the guidance of instructor Corinne Hayes, students engage in modular study that acquaints them with an impressive range of scientific and technological pursuits.

Meanwhile, Burton Library has embarked on a momentous journey down the information highway with its SIRSI system, which provides users with an online catalog and library staff with an automatic circulation and inventory scanning system; and the MAGNOLIA project, which brings the world to East Central's door by accessing thousands of periodicals, newspapers, and pamphlets.

Upstairs in Newton Hall, Mary Hanson and a cadre of tutors are flinging open the window to success with the Learning Skills Center, which features state-of-the-art academic software and hardware.

The growing pains don't stop there. A new Student Services Center, built in two phases, will enable staff to better serve students; new dorms are being planned, and a walking trail will provide yet another option for those who believe, quite rightly, that higher education fine tunes the body as well as the mind.

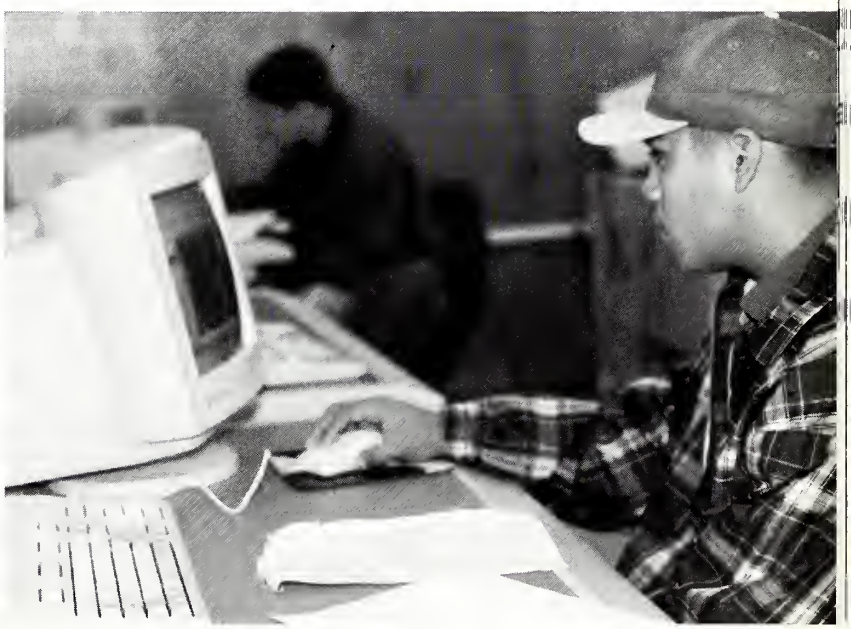
What challenges will little Karen face as she matures? Predictions often miss the mark, but Jeannette is certain of one thing: her daughter is going to succeed — and East Central will play an important role in that success.

Mary Hanson, the Director of the Learning Skills Center, makes technology a little easier to swallow for people like Pam Chunn, who is doing one of the new tutorial programs.

DID YOU KNOW ...

In 1914, what is now known as East Central Community College opened its doors to students as Newton County Agricultural High School.

Some EC students have discovered that using the library computer system makes information much faster to find.



Drafting student Roddy Nikki displays his talents using computer-aided drafting.

This local librarian utilizes the computer technology training given by the state in EC's Vo-Tech lab.

(Top Photo) Ms. Wilkinson uses the new technology to help Elizabeth Thompson, Misty Smith, Andy Stewart, and Chas Evans let their musical talents flow.

(top photo) Relaxing Greek style, Travis Martin enchants all the young ladies with his recitation of Greek poetry. (L to R) Misty McCurdy, Benita Madde, Stacy Baker.

William Jones sets the mood for the evening with his warm and melodic tones.

Deanna Bankston enjoys testing the food from other international groups.

Window to the World

EC's First International Banquet

The candlelight revealed little but softened much, as poetry and soothing music floated on the edge of many murmured conversations. "You must be mine, my darling," whispered a seductive voice ...

Oops, wrong story line. Let's try again.

Candles softened the room as tidbits of poetry mingled with classical guitar music and murmured conversations: "Have you tried the bihon?" "Save room for the baklava!"

Yes, that's it. That was the scene at East Central's first International Banquet, as instructor Laura Hammons and her world literature students treated guests to what seemed like a thousand and one sensuous delights.

A colorful array of Spanish, Oriental, Italian, and Greek dishes tempted everyone to overindulge. Chinese and Greek poetry readings provided a feast for the mind; gentle piano and guitar music fed the spirit. Particularly pleasing was the vocal performance of Denise Riley, a voice instructor at Miss. College and Hinds Community College.

As the evening drew to a close and participants posed for photographs, guests reluctantly returned to the reality of a November night in Mississippi. But they took with them a bit of magic conjured by alchemists so powerful that a plain cafeteria room became a window on the world, a window that everyone hoped to look through again and again.

The moody flicker of candles added romantic shadows to the room. Conversations added their own music to a room already laved by a piano's sweet tones. The baklava melted on our tongues ...

Benita Madden introduces the diners to baklava, a honey-sweet Greek dessert.

Travis Martin proves that not only can he read poetry, but he can serve food as well!

Ms. Hammons and her students smile and relax, knowing that their work was definitely worth the time and energy.

In Any Language

EC Offers a Warm Hello

He lives in Newton.

He's a single 22-year-old who enjoys basketball, movies, and music.

He's majoring in computer servicing technology.

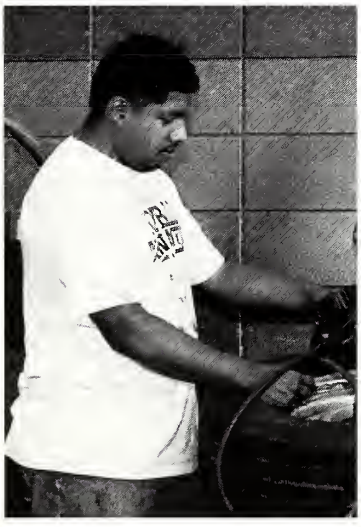
His name is Uwe Dotzauer, his home is Landau, Germany, and like Silje Adnesen of Norway and Max Lobentovich of the Ukraine, he represents a growing segment of East Central's nontraditional population: international students.

Attending EC has offered Dotzauer several opportunities; he hopes to "improve my English, get experience in a foreign country, be a member of the basketball team, and see how college life is." When asked to elaborate on "college life," he replied that it was "just like in the American movies," adding that participating in the school's sports activities, using the gym and weight room, and talking to people are highlights. In the classroom, Mr. Lovett's ability to instill self-confidence and Mr. Whitlock's humor made big impressions.

American entertainment has also been a part of the experience; Dotzauer particularly liked the movie Air Force One and seldom misses Friends, Seinfeld, and The X-Files, among other television programs.

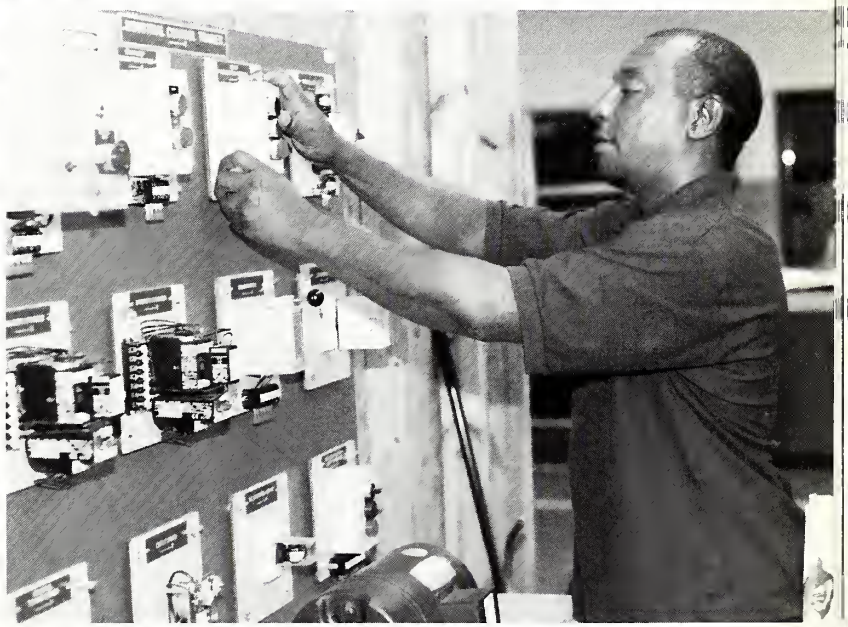
EC's friendly reputation is well known and generally admired in central Mississippi. As he shoots baskets and prepares for classes, Uwe Dotzauer adds a European flair to that reputation when he smiles and says, "Willkommen zu hause," proving that friendship should have no boundaries and that "welcome home" is wonderful in any language.

Uwe Dotzauer finds that adapting to American ways is not too difficult. Adapting to the language is another story entirely!



Ryan Chickaway works to remove a tire - part of his auto mechanics class.

"What in the world is that?" Latrecia Johnson asks Valarie Sam and Cassandra Culwell as William Anderson ponders over his own creature.



Clifton Curry works on the electrical board which tests his knowledge of several electrical applications.

Max Lobentovich prepares to give the art show a Russian flair.

(top photo) Uwe finds class work easier with Mr. Whitlock's guidance and words of wit and wisdom.

What a surprise when ... the welding mask is lifted, and Pamela Goss' face is revealed. Not a typical place for a woman.

John Paul Risher demonstrates how the nursing profession could use a few good men.

Betina Latiker proves that women take drafting just as seriously as men.

Women at Work

It's Not Just a Man's World

** She was the first woman hired for the log yard at Weyerhaeuser.*

** As an employee of Shook & Fletcher Insulation Co., she worked aboard ships at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula.*

** She's a drafting major at East Central.*

Her name is Pam Chunn, and like other women at EC in areas such as carpentry and electricity, she is making a place for herself in what many think is a man's world.

"If you are capable, you should have the opportunity," says Chunn, who is also quick to add that there are indeed some jobs that women can't physically handle as well as men. Her colorful experiences demonstrate, however, that properly trained women can significantly contribute in several non-traditional roles — if women will accept some advice. "Don't whine!" cautions Chunn, who notes that to earn their male co-workers' respect, women must be willing to "pull their weight," to solve problems on their own and not run for help at the first sign of difficulty.

A good sense of humor probably doesn't hurt, either. Chunn recalls at least once when co-workers had a little fun at her expense. While working at Ingalls in 1978, she and another woman were in the hull of a ship during a test when recently installed and insulated pipes were flushed with water. While watching for leaks — and finding them — Chunn and her companion learned that the watertight door had been shut, sealing them in: an uncomfortable discovery as water spread along the floor of the compartment. Though they were in no real danger — others in the crew had done this for a joke and were waiting to free them — it was a "nerve-wracking" experience at the time.

As a drafting major, is Chunn seeking a quiet corner in an office somewhere, a respite from the strenuous life she has led so far? Hardly. By continuing her studies after leaving EC, she will hone her mapping skills and prepare for a career as a surveyor. "When I was selecting a major, I was told to choose something that I could stick to and be happy with," remembers Chunn. She considered such fields as computer programming, but the thought of being cooped up inside a building all day didn't appeal to her. Surveying will give her an opportunity to face exciting new challenges beyond four walls and a door.

It's an opportunity she is eager to take, and in a sense, she has been preparing for it her whole life — at Weyerhaeuser, at Ingalls, and with the highway dept. The self-discipline and determination fostered through these experiences give an intriguing edge to Chunn's personality — and will continue to serve her as she deals with her next great adventure.

Pam Chunn is working on her math skills needed for drafting and design.

DID YOU KNOW... Susan Williams of Newton Academy was East Central's first NCJAA Distinguished Academic All-American, an honor requiring a 3.8 GPA or higher on 45 semester hours.

Look out for these women! When it comes to road construction you may see Stephanie Joyner, Sharon Boyette, and Becky Addy.

Honors

Recognitions

Achievements

Honors came to students and faculty alike. Some of those honors came from student and faculty nominations: HEADWAE and Who's Who in American Community and Junior Colleges. Others resulted from student petitions and votes such as the SBA and class officers. Each semester brought recognition in some form to deserving members of the college personnel and the student body.

SBA Officers L to R: Amy Gomillion, President; Kamonica Craig, Vice-President; Paula Crawford, Secretary; Krisan Risher, Treasurer.

Sophomore Class Officers (from L): Brian Sistrunk, President; Suzanne Warren, Vice-President; Vickie McGee, Secretary; Raland Burkes, Treasurer.

Freshman Class Officers: (seated) Philip Smith, President; (back L to R) Ragan Mitchell, Vice-President; Crystal Gee, Secretary; Jennifer Pace, Treasurer.

Lamplighter representatives from the college personnel include (seated from L) Cynthia Gaudin, Linda B. Pierce; (standing from L) Leesa Wilkinson, Jimmy Dempsey, Maxine McKee.

HEADWAE honors are received by Virginia Pace, instructor who was selected by student vote, and Emily Bullock, student with outstanding GPA elected by faculty.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior/Community Colleges: (front L to R) Chris Haralson, Janet Harrison, Suzanne Warren, Amy Gomillion, Deanna Bankston, Ashlea Renfroe, TaRita Williamson, Vickie McGee, Ginger Greer, Melissa Hawkins, Barbara Fulton, Amanda Moore, Adria Stamper, Kamonica Craig, Donna Tubby, Kristie Temple; (second row) Jermaine Jones, Crystal Cooley, Shelia Oliver, Paula Crawford, Regena McCraw, Stephanie Craig, Crystal Lewis, Krisan Risher, Mandy Sanders, Joni French, Tony Lilly, Alex Lee; (third row) Lisa Nelson, Leslie Nelson, Harold Hollingsworth, Brian Hardy, Brian Shaw, Emily Bullock, Amy Spears, Joey Lang, Zach Sanders; (back) Cyrus Ben, Rhett Rivers, Donnie Atkinson, Hunter Ives, Justin Miles, Michael Donovan.

HALL OF FAME

Deanna Bankston

A nominator for Deanna stated, "(She) is a dedicated young scholar who plans to enter the teaching profession. She understands the challenges of her decision and has applied herself in as disciplined a way as possible to prepare to meet the demands of the calling."

Emily E. Bullock

Nominations cite Emily as "an outstanding student who excels in many, many arenas ... (She) has shown outstanding leadership, character, and academic ability ... She really enjoys being involved in school activities and gives each one her full attention ... "

Amy E. Gomillion

Amy, according to her nominations, "is a superior student who has served in many roles ... As a third generation Warrior, she supports and represents ECCC in an exemplary manner ... She works diligently at all of her extracurricular activities and on her studies ..."

HALL OF FAME

Krisan Risher

Nominators for Krisan referred to her as "an intelligent, hard-working, caring young lady ... (She) is heavily involved in extracurricular activities and has represented East Central well in many events ... She approaches her studies and activities with great (zeal)."

Zachary Sanders

Zach's nominations state, "(He) has a very positive attitude about life ... He is a very responsible, focused young man ... (He) has exemplary character and attitude ... (He) demonstrates exceptional leadership abilities in college organizations as well as athletics."

Brian T. Shaw

Brian, according to his nominations, "has a positive attitude and is a very responsible young man ... Brian knows how to study and does not hesitate to put forth the time and energy into his studies to get the most from his work."

LEADERSHIP

Deanna Bankston

Fashion Squad, Co-Captain
Tom-Tom paper staff
Mu Alpha Theta, Reporter
Student Education Association
President's Council
Warrior Corps
President's List Scholar, 4:00 GPA
Phi Theta Kappa, Secretary
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
United States Academy Scholar

Brian T. Shaw

Alpha Alpha Epsilon, President
Mu Alpha Theta
President's Council
Peer Tutorial Group
Students in Free Enterprise
Warrior Corps
Phi Theta Kappa, President
Mississippi/Louisiana Phi Theta Kappa Regional Secretary
Recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hanna Scholarship
J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award

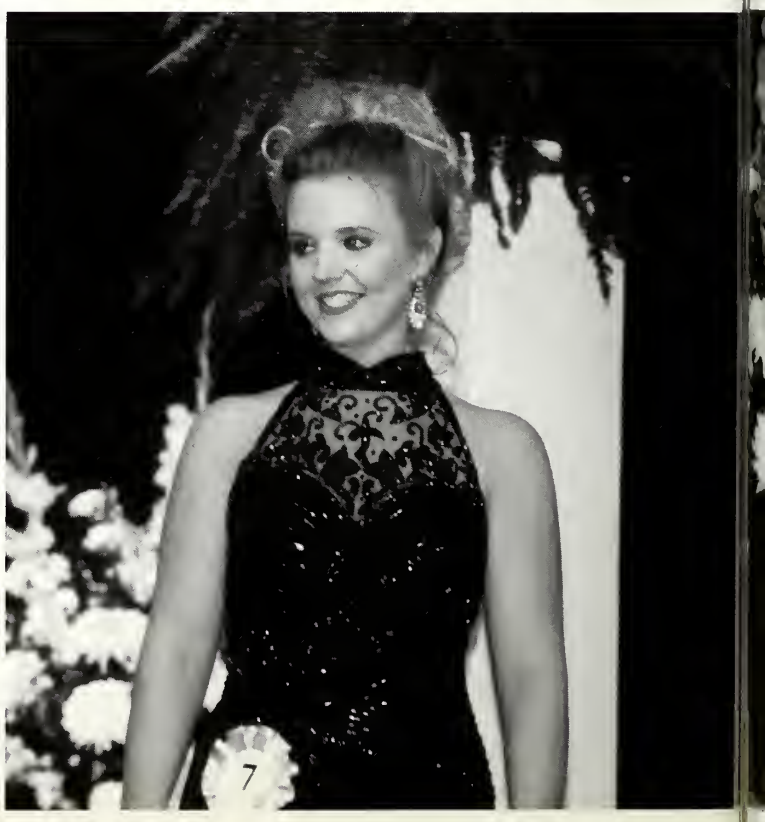
Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
President's List Scholar
National Collegiate Engineering Award
All-American Scholar

Amy E. Gomillion

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Fashion Squad
EC Players- "Mame" cast
Diamond Girls
Wesley Foundation, Vice-President
President's Council
Mu Alpha Theta, Vice President
Peer Tutorial Club
Warrior Corps
Phi Theta Kappa, Vice-President of Scholarship
President's List Scholar-4.00 GPA
Recipient of Frank M. Cross Chemistry Award
Recipient of Leon Eubanks Kaljyc Peers Leadership Award
Recipient of National Collegiate Student Government Award
All-American Scholar
Selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges
Beauty

"Deanna is well rounded and has a zest for life ... She is considerate of others ... and is always a proper young lady."

Tennis is one of Brian's extracurricular activities. Not only is he a member of the tennis team, but he and fellow team member, Uwe Dotzauer, were men's doubles winners in the annual Alumni/Student Homecoming Tennis Tournament.



Amy leads the student body as SBA President. She was also Freshman Class President and President of Jackson Hall. No wonder nominators call her a "great leader."

PARTICIPATION

Emily E. Bullock

ECCC Players, President
Mu Alpha Theta
President's Council
Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band
Concert Choir
Warrior Corps
Phi Theta Kappa
President's List Scholar
HEADWAE student
Best Supporting Actress in "Rumors" and "Mame"
Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Krisan Risher

Student Body Association, Treasurer
Phi Beta Lambda, President
Mu Alpha Theta
Peer Tutorial Club

A favorite star on campus, Emily has appeared in the "Mousetrap", "Rumors", "Harvey", "Mame", and "My Fair Lady."

Student in Free Enterprise
Fashion Squad
President's Council
Phi Theta Kappa
Warrior Corps
Homecoming Maid, Freshman and Sophomore
Freshman and Sophomore Beauty
Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Zachary Sanders

Mu Alpha Theta
Student Education Association, President
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Tom-Tom staff
President's Council
Football Team
Baseball Team
Phi Theta Kappa
All-American Scholar Collegiate Award
Dean's List Scholar
1996 Football Aademic Award
1998 Beau
Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Zach is not as comfortable in his ECCC Beau tux as he is in his black and gold baseball uniform. He is actively involved in many areas of campus life.

Krisan's winning smile precedes her wherever she goes. Everything she does, whether heavily involved in SIFE activities or in Phi Theta Kappa groups, reflects her sincere and positive attitude.

Setting Sail

Dr. Smith Charts Our Course

Some of us have heard this before: "When I have my own business I'll be able to do just what I want." "When I grow up and have kids, they won't have to follow rules." "I don't have to work — I'm the boss!"

The reality, of course, is that with maturity and advancement come additional responsibilities — and for school administrators that usually means longer, busier workdays.

As the President of East Central Community College, Dr. Eddie Smith finds time for — and takes pleasure in — a range of activities that would exhaust many of us.

There are the administrative duties: the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; the monthly meetings of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, the Board of Trustees, and the ECCC President's Council; the weekly meetings of the Administrative Council; SACS meetings; and faculty meetings.

There are a host's responsibilities: welcoming guests to the latest dinner theater production, greeting participants in the District IV SLAM Meeting, presiding at a dinner for beauty pageant judges, and welcoming participants in the District III VICA Skills Olympics.

There are the activities unique to EC: attending instructor Laura Hammon's World Literature Class Banquet, enjoying the performance of "Choices" by the college's music and drama students, meeting with architects to discuss design plans for the new women's dorm, and attending the ECCC Development Foundation Luncheon Meeting.

Then there are the ball games. Homecoming. Budget meetings. Correspondence. The spring musical. Policy planning, explanation, and enforcement. The list goes on and on.

The leader of an educational institution, like the captain of a ship, establishes a standard, offers direction, and sets a pace. Dr. Smith, with the gracious support of his wife and family, continues to guide ECCC toward the year 2000. Full speed ahead!

Our Captain and his First Mate, Charlotte: The Smiths proudly serve the college and the community. (top photo) Dr. Smith's 1963 WO-HE-LO photo reveals a President in the making.

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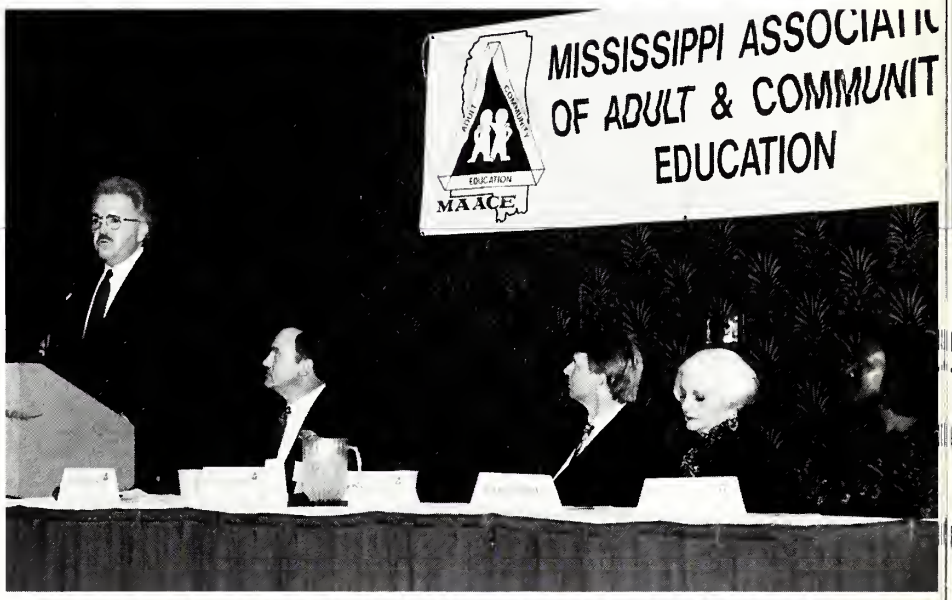

A responsibility he loves: Dr. Smith offers the reigning Miss Neshoba County an EC scholarship.

Dr. Smith congratulates Mr. Ronnie Westbrook on being named MS Small Business Development Director/Trainer of the Year.

Always striving to improve education in our state, Dr. Smith meets with members of the MAACE. Mixing duty with pleasure, he addresses an enthusiastic crowd at a special pep rally at Spanky's Texaco.

James Bayne demonstrates the use of one of the welding tools which his students must learn to use.

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."

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Under Dr. Eddie Smith's leadership, the number of programs and employees has steadily increased.

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John Adcock works with a vo-tech student to find that magical combination of classes and desired times.

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"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

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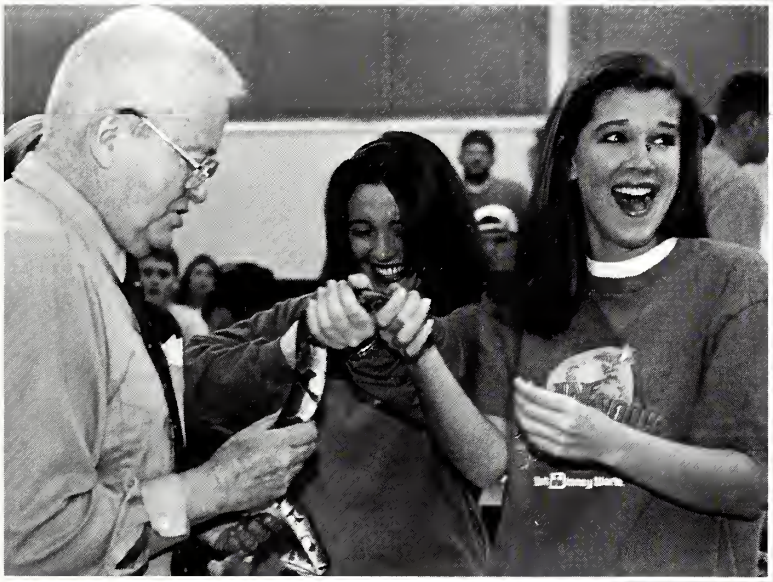
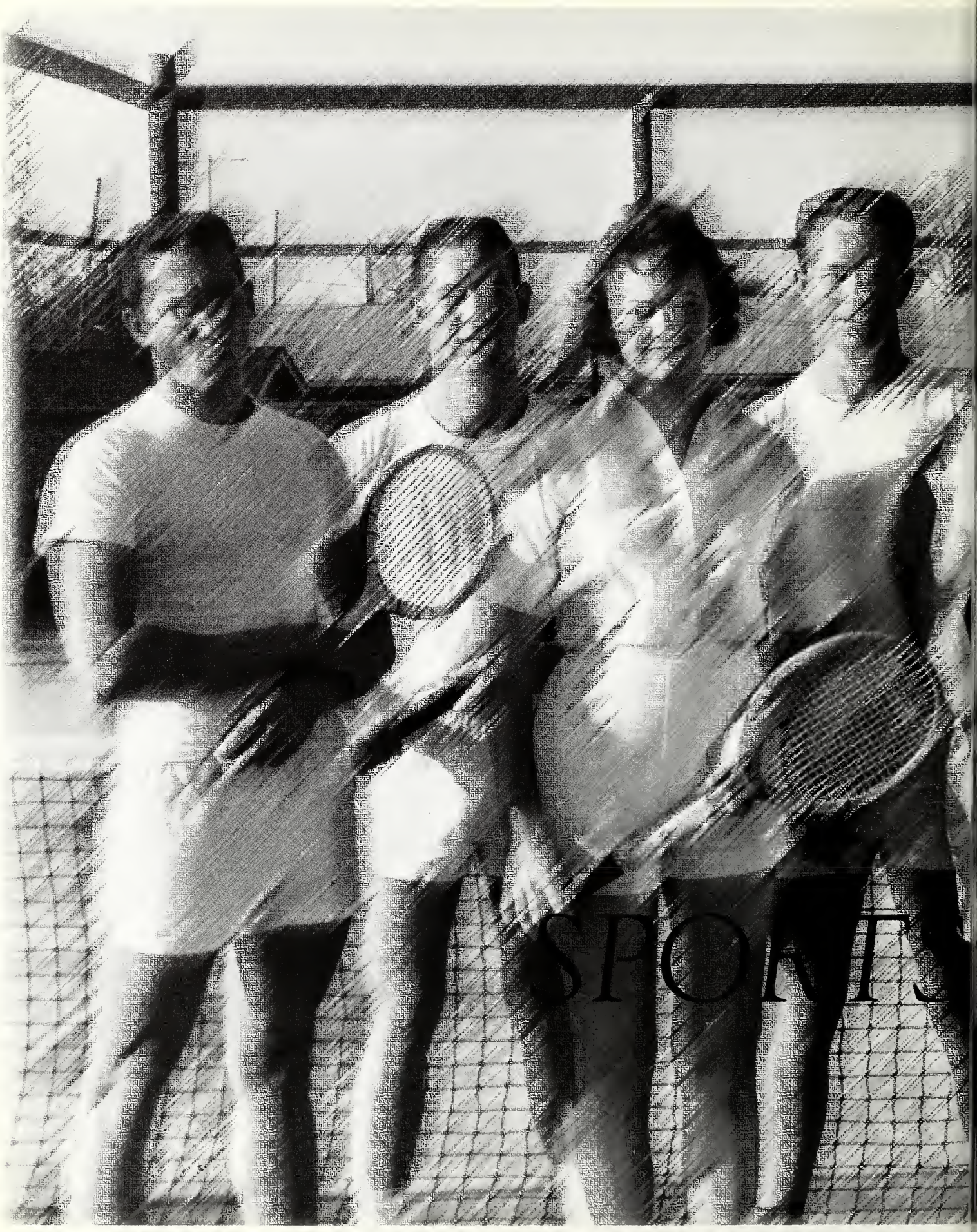


"I can't believe I'm doing this!" exclaims Kristi Jones as she holds the visitor Dr. Key has introduced to the class.

Even Christmas surprises come to college personnel as Gene Davis happily (?) discovers.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Dream Team

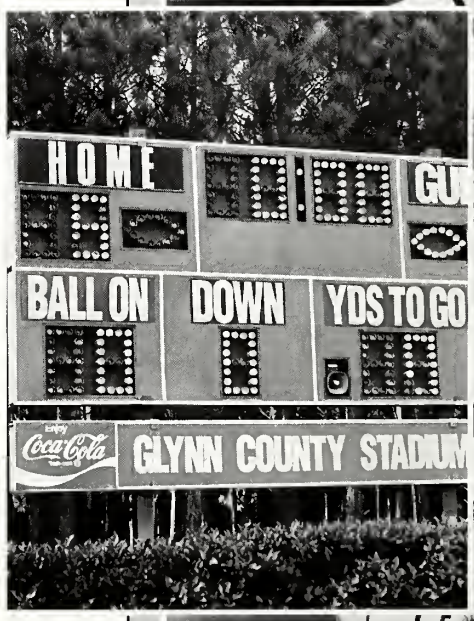
"If you build it ..." they seem to whisper. Their faces are perhaps no longer familiar, but their names should be. Dick Baxter. Elisa McCallum. Polie Sullivan. Betty Short. Men and women whose love of athletic competition was an inspiration to young collegians throughout central Mississippi.

"If you build it ..." they seem to whisper. Their records are shining examples of determination and talent first fostered at a rural junior college: Sue Gunter, Joe Vetrano, Evelyn Bender, Lamar Blount, Deborah Norwood.

"If you build it ..." they seem to whisper. The torch was passed to new legends-in-the-making, people like Denver Brackeen, Lucille Wood, and Joe Clark, leaders who molded generations of ECJC recruits into seasoned contenders.

"If you build it, they will come." Year after year, the outstanding members of East Central's athletic department continue to achieve as they lure the best and brightest to East Central's "field of dreams." Just ask Steve Nelson, Kim Reel, Chris Hemphill, and Jamie Morrow.

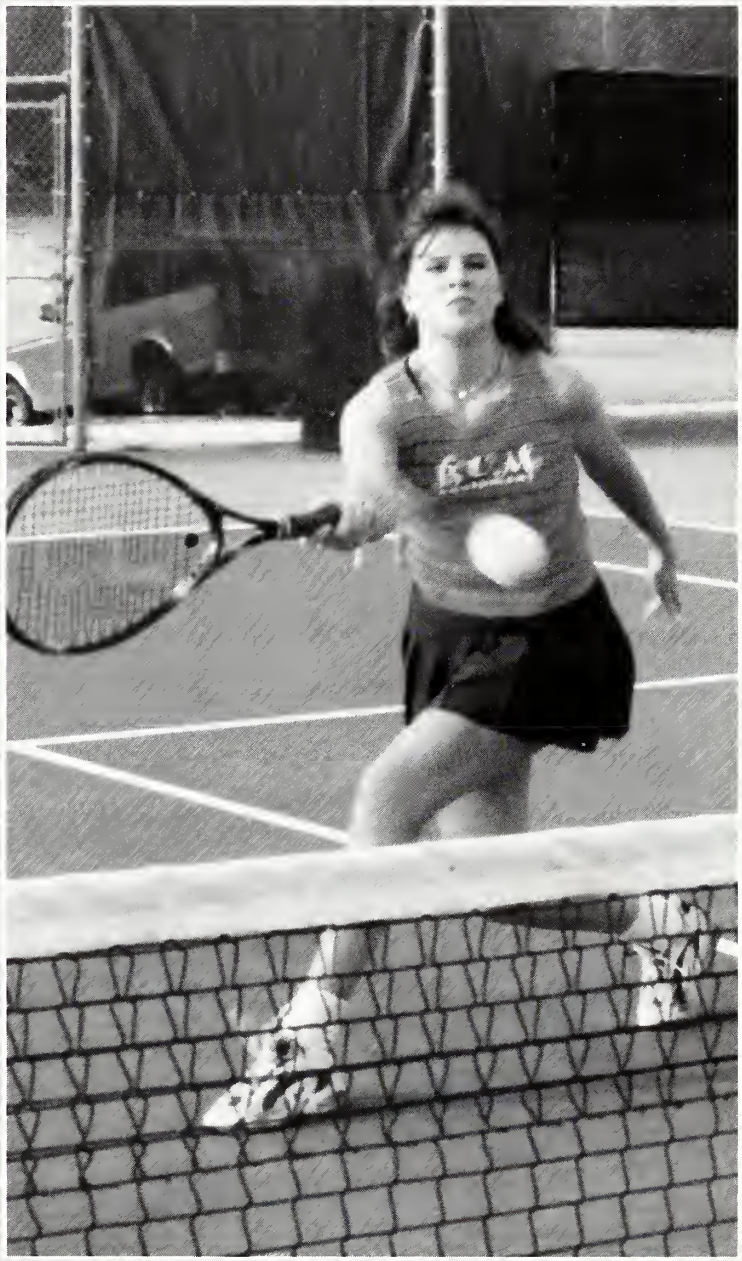
Football manager Patrick Bacon demonstrates that athletes give of themselves for other important causes and survive!



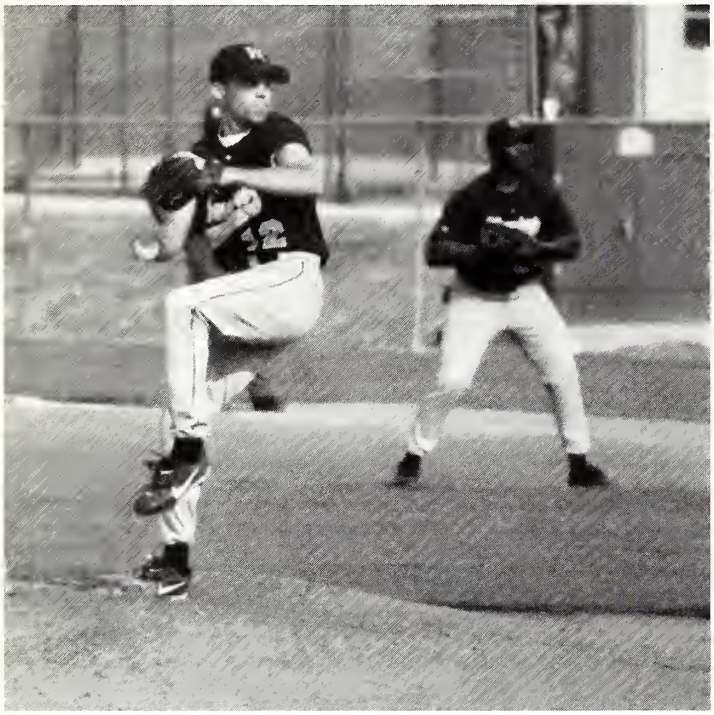
The 1973 East Central Junior College Women's Basketball State Championship Team — Women's basketball did not become a part of the MJCAA until 1975.

Football takes a giant step forward with the close but sure win over East Georgia Community College in the 1996 Huddle House Golden Isles Classic Bowl.

Women's tennis takes its place in the athletic realm after a '97 fourth place finish in the state tournament. Team member plays her part in the team's success.



Athletic Prowess: Spell it ECCC

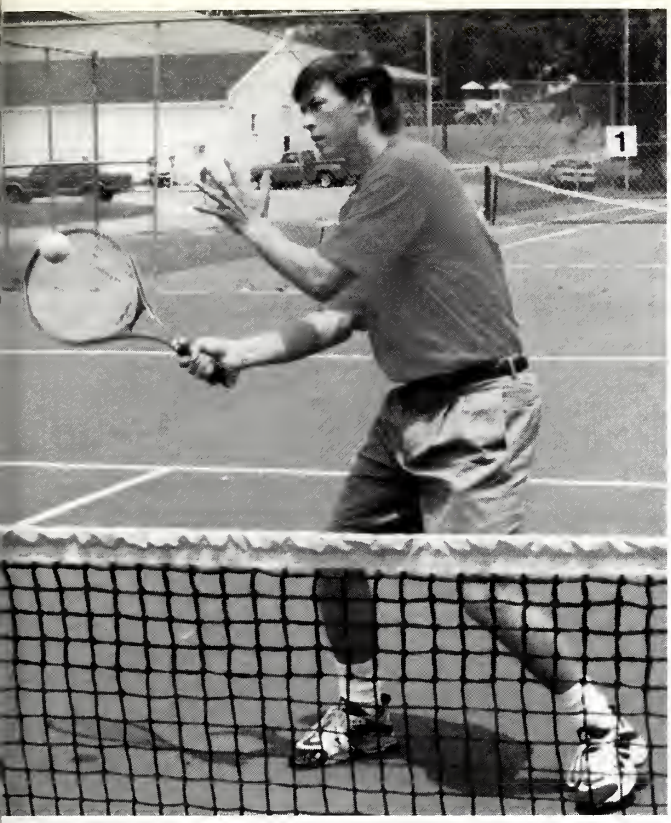


An impressive year for Coach Jamie Clark and the 1997 Diamond Warriors ended with a record 40 wins and 18 losses. The team placed second in the state tournament and tied for fourth in the Region 23 competition.

Natalie Vance's hard-hitting tennis team valiantly represented East Central at the MACJC tournament with a 4th place win. As the season ended, team captain awards went to Shannon McDonald and Stephanie Taylor; Taylor and Tara Renaud received academic honors for the highest GPA. (pictured, Vance and Taylor)

Determination marked the 1997 softball season for ECCC's Lady Warriors. The team accumulated 30 wins and placed third in the MACJC tournament, later advancing to the Region 23 competition under the direction of Coach Mike Anderson.

The 1997 season proved to be the most successful ever for East Central's Linksmen. The team won acclaim in six of seven invitational tournaments and received the Region 23 Division III title. Two team members, Robert Tranum of Louisville and Jason Driskell of Forest, were selected for the Region 23 team, which competed in the NJCAA Golf Tournament in Vass, North Carolina. (photo: Robert Tranum)



The ECCC Warriors of the Racquet, under the direction of Coach Joe Clark, had a memorable season on the court and in the classroom. Asif Iqbal was named Most Valuable Player and Bart Gregory was honored for his high GPA during ceremonies at Turkey Creek Water Park. (pictured: Brian Sistrunk)

Tara Hall, Amy Moore, Tara Renaud, and Ben Myers (pictured in right photo) were awarded NCJAA Academic All-American honors for the 1996-97 term. To qualify, these EC students had to post an accumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher and letter in one or more sports. (photo: Ben Myers)

Joe Clark completed his long and distinguished tenure with East Central in 1997. Clark served 34 years with the college in various capacities, including coach for men's basketball, tennis, and golf teams; math instructor; dormitory supervisor; and security supervisor. Inducted into EC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992, Clark was named Coach of the Year for the '97 season.

Four EC students were honored as NCJAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans for their achievement during the 1996-97 season. Jennifer Musgrove, Joe Green, Jason Lee Frith, and Stephanie Taylor posted a 3.8 GPA of higher and lettered in at least one sport. (Photo NCJAA All-American and Distinguished Academic honors)

Fulfilling the Legacy

Gridiron Warriors Live the Dream

It begins with a dream. Determination. Unbridled effort.

It ends with an outstanding season during which individuals melded into a smoothly running unit: many became one.

That's the way it is when you don a Warrior football uniform, when you put your faith and trust in a coach like Willie Coats, and when your pride in ECCC is written on your face every time you take the field.

"As a person from out of state ... I didn't know how I would fit in," recalled defensive back Duane Brisbon, "but they made me feel right at home." Recruited from Holly Hill Roberts High School in South Carolina, Brisbon added that "this team wasn't like any other I've been (on), this was a family that always pulled for each other."

Mitchell Crouther, a middle linebacker, echoed his teammate: "All of us bonded together to be a family ... being a Warrior gives me great pride."

Family ties aren't enough to create a lean, mean football machine, however, as quick guard Jake Wilson noted. "A highlight for me was getting to play on a team that had a lot of talent and ... good coaches."

"We had our ups and downs but we never let that stop us from doing what we love to do," insisted Duane Brisbon, "and that is being an East Central Warrior."

"(This) was an exciting time in my life." And for us, Duane. And for us.

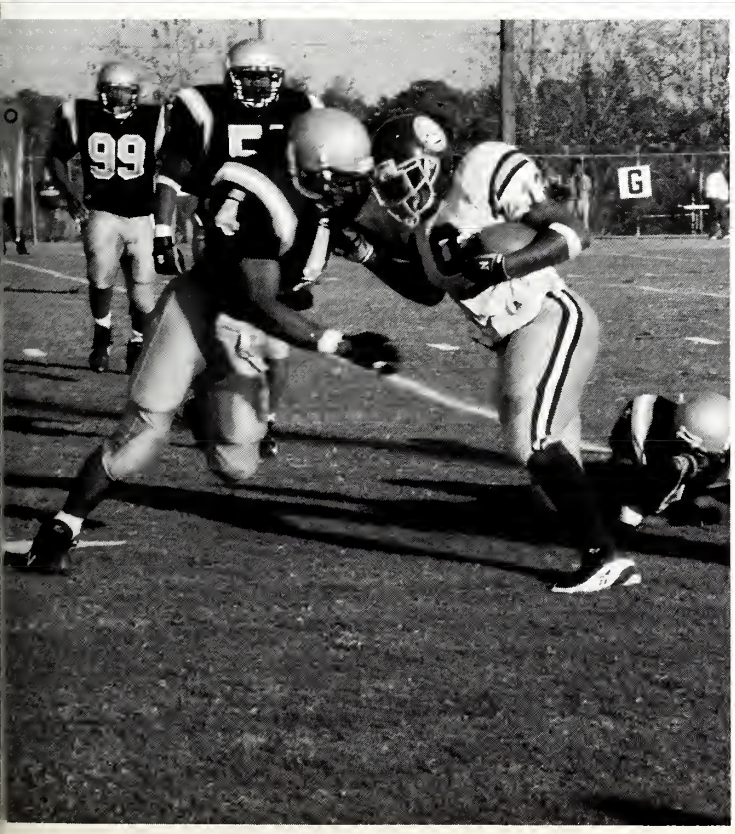
Dreams, after all, can come true.

Quarterback Al Hunt and Coach Willie Coats plan the next step toward a Warrior victory!

DID YOU KNOW ...

We were Warriors in spirit but not in name in 1928, when the college's football team roared onto the field as the ECJC Wildcats.

The Warrior offensive line prepares to invade "Eagle" territory.

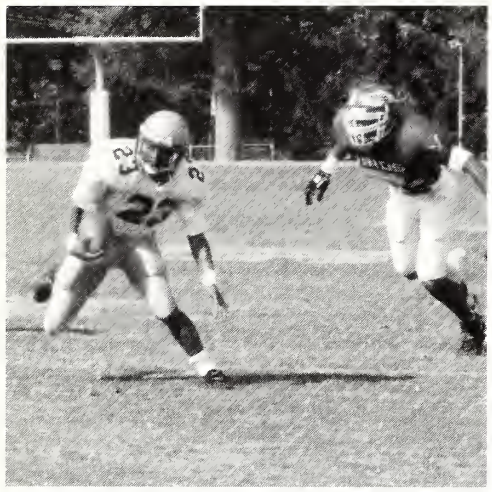


Mack Pittman has control of the ball as he scrambles toward the magic goal line.

Dejuan Clark butts heads with a Gulf Coast Bulldog as he puts a stop to the Bulldog drive.

The Warriors and Warrior fans (top photo) celebrate one of many victories of a very rewarding season.

An Epic in Black and Gold



The Warriors (top photo) demonstrate their ability to cover and control the boards with their rebounding jumps.

"Not my way!" says Brian Hillie as he screens the Southwest opponent's moves.

"Hey, out of my way!" this EMCC player seems to be saying to Ray Waddell as he blocks the player's moves.

Athletic Odyssey

Transition to Success

It's an Odyssey of sorts, the transition from high school to college. It's a perilous journey, rocky with potential disaster, that many begin but few complete. For athletes, the trip is even tougher; they must not only deal with the unknown in the classroom but must also face new challenges on the court or field.

Toronto Parker, a guard for the Warrior Basketball Team, knows the feeling very well. "Leaving high school basketball to play junior college basketball was a big jump for me," he recalls. Though recruited by Coach Marty Cooper, Parker didn't expect to play his freshman year, but a change in circumstances opened a window of opportunity and he was issued a suit. Parker remembers: "That year went by fairly fast. I didn't play much but I knew my time was coming." His hard work and determination paid off: at the 1997 athletic banquet he was named Most Improved Player.

Parker's sophomore year presented still another test of his abilities and resolve: he made the starting five lineup. "That was another big jump for me," he recollects, "going from not playing to starting. I was somewhat nervous, but after that everything has been going just fine." Just fine, indeed — Parker helped the Warriors break a three-game losing streak by scoring eight points in a big win over Mississippi College's junior varsity squad.

Wayfarers on their collegiate journey quickly learn to expect obstacles along the way. Overcoming those obstacles can be a thrilling lesson — or a painful memory best forgotten. Toronto Parker clearly identifies with the former: "Overall, the whole experience has been exciting for me."

There's an Irish blessing that begins, "May the road rise up to meet you." Looks like it already has for Toronto Parker-and the other members of the 1997-98 Warrior Basketball Team.

The ball appears to be going up through the hoop as Ken Russell thrills the crowd with a dunk.

Danielle Johnson scores two on the fast break as his closest opponent attempts to block the shot.

Teams seem frozen in time as they wait to see if the ball makes it to the hoop or if it will be effectively blocked.

Ladies' Night Out

Focusing on Victory

They had heard it all before:

"Ah-h-h, why bother to go? It's just a girls' game."

"No need to get there before the guys play — unless you need a nap."

"If you want action, well, it's a man thing."

Fortunately, they didn't listen. Fortunately, they knew just how wrong such statements are. And, fortunately for us, they went out on the court night after night and proved just how exciting women's basketball can be.

They were the 1997-98 Lady Warriors, a gutsy, disciplined team under the direction of Coach Sammy Pace that by the end of the season had won the respect of even some die-hard men's basketball fans. Their strategy was simple: focused players win.

Certainly guard Wendy Mapp's focus was clear. "Basketball is a lot like life," she observed, mindful of the consequences that the right decisions — and the wrong ones — can have. But it is a game, one that has been a part of her routine for years. "I grew up playing basketball with my cousin every Sunday after church. (It's) a game that I love."

Making every competition a team effort can be difficult, exhausting, and sometimes even impossible, but Mapp noted that dependability was a hallmark of the group almost from the start. She praised Coach Pace, who "expected a lot out of us," and added that she had "enjoyed learning" from him.

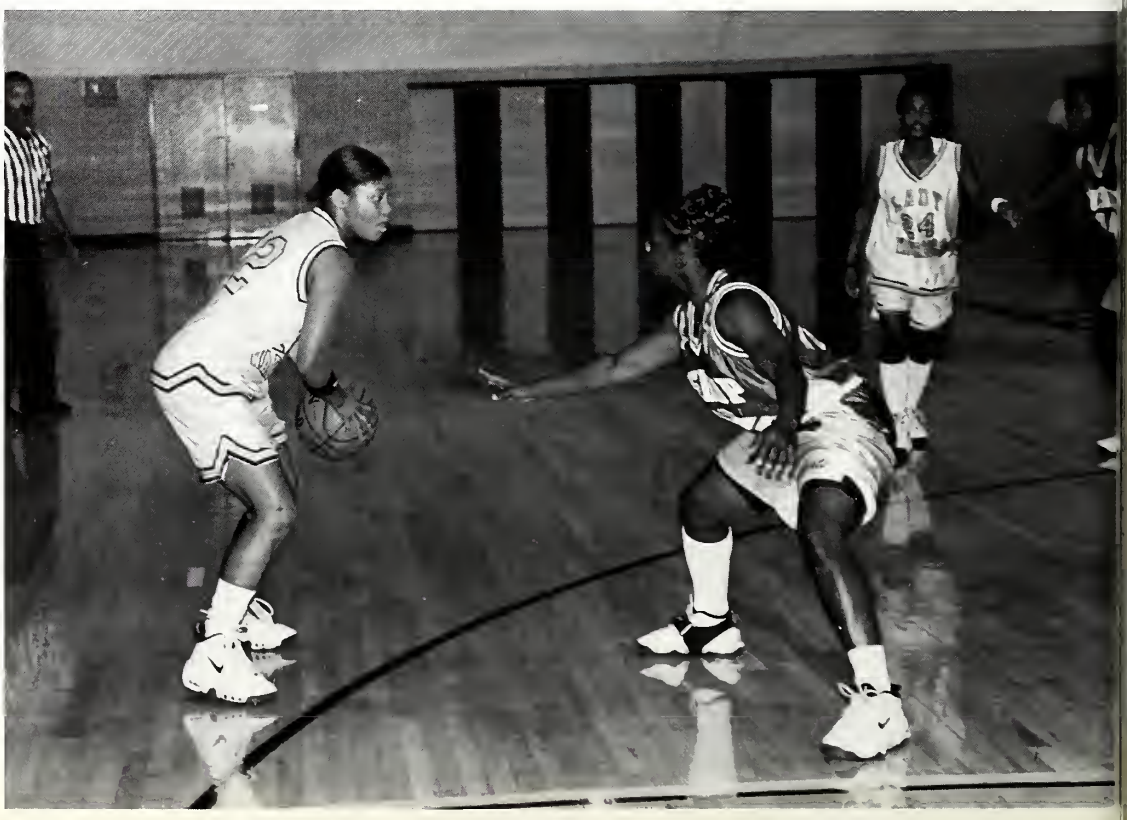
And what did she and the others learn? How to grit their teeth and struggle toward victory, as in the hard-fought January 8th game against Holmes. How to win with easy grace in two November clashes with Southern-Shreveport. How to never give up even in the face of defeat against opponents like Pearl River.

Hard lessons, but good ones. And if watching those lessons at play on a basketball court is boring, well, life is what you make of it.

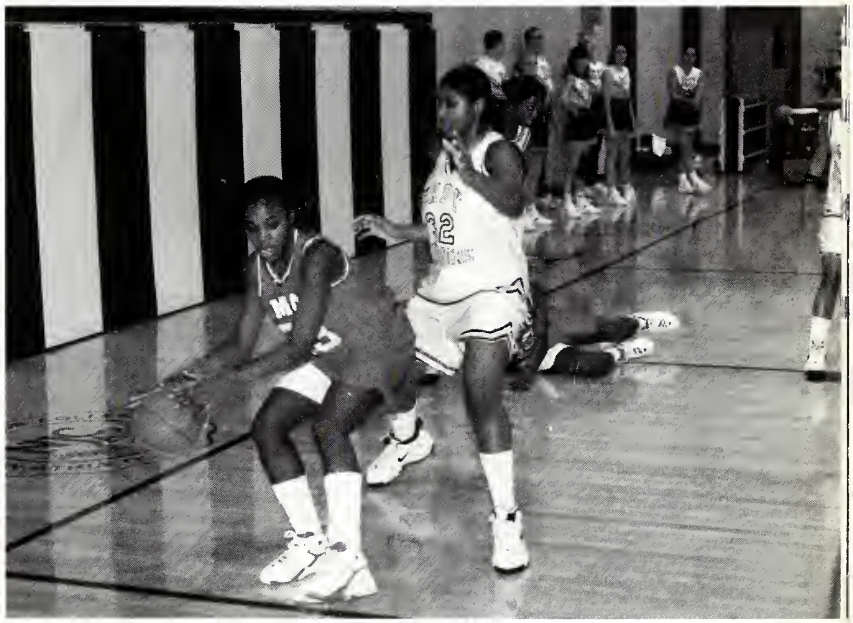
Wendy Mapp will be glad to set you straight.

Jamie Floyd goes up for two with her opponent hot on her heels.

DID YOU KNOW ... We knew her before she began looking for Olympic gold: ECJC's own Sue Gunter coached the 1976 Olympic Women's Basketball Team.



Wendy Mapp appears to be taunting her opponent with "If you want this basketball, come and get it!"



Charissa Williams challenges her opponent to just try to come around her!

Felisha Temple moves toward the goal as her opponent tries to steal the ball and perhaps draw a foul.

(top photo) "Everybody be still while I shoot!" shouts Felisha Temple as she prepares to go up for two points.

EC Shoots for Victory

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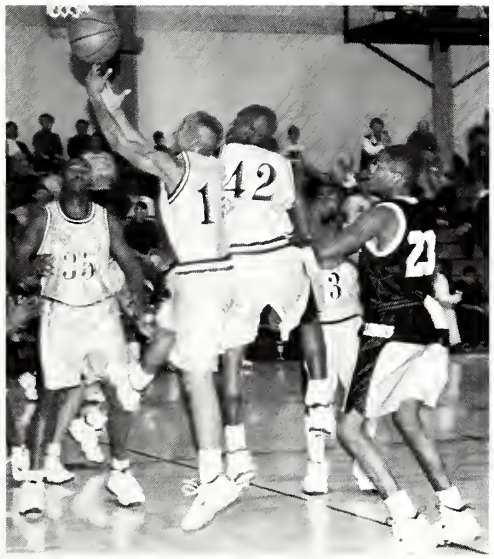
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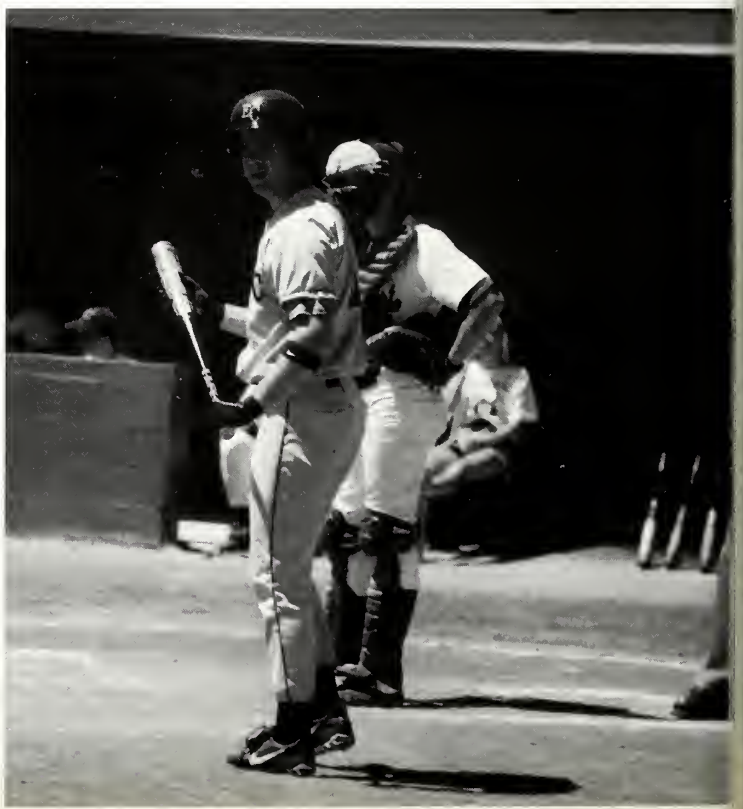
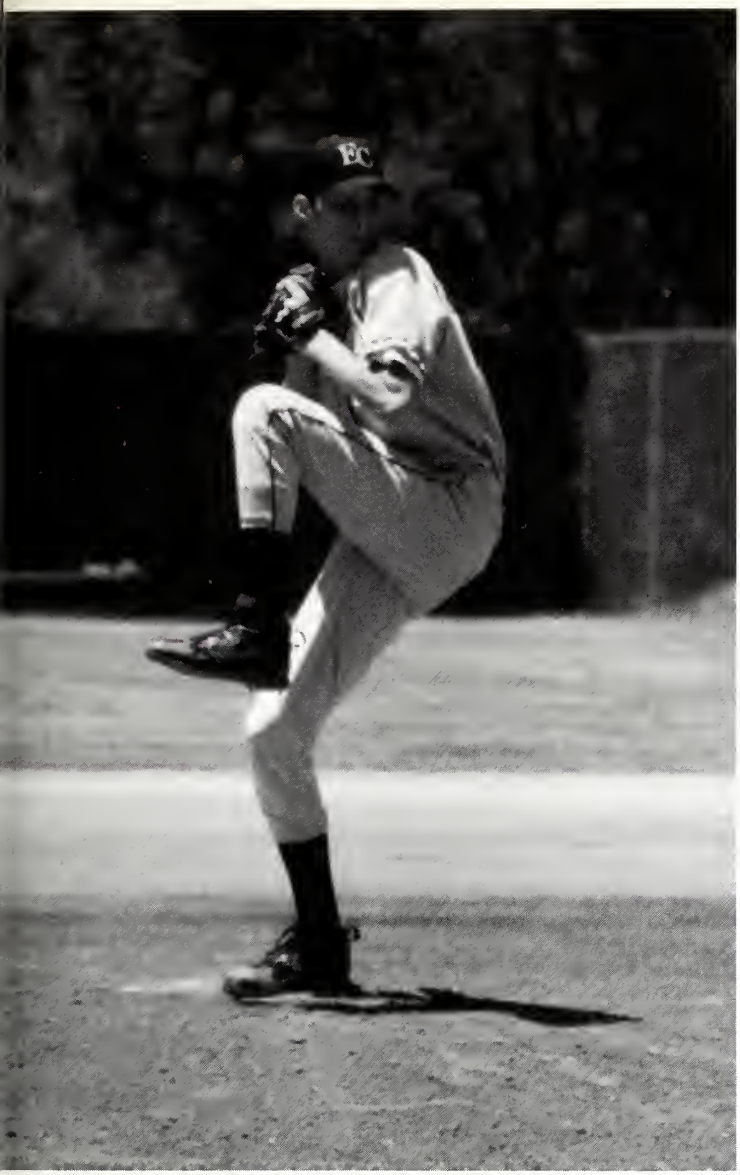
Fly high and protect your base.

Autumn Townsend takes a swing.



Greg Wood prepares to enter the batter's box.



Their Moment
In Pursuit of Excellence

Red dirt. Green grass. The solid weight of the bat in your hands. The feeling that you get when the ball is coming closer, closer, and this moment is YOURS.

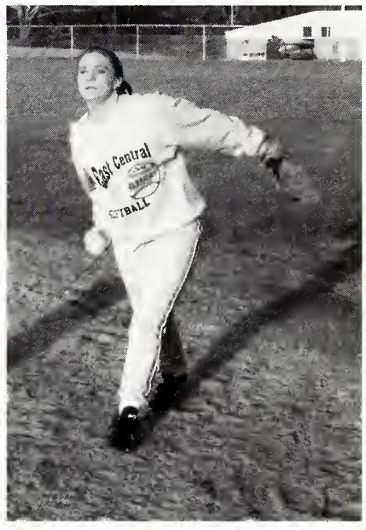
Reaching that moment — and transforming it into a victory for the team — are goals with which East Central's Diamond Warriors, male and female, are familiar.

Under the direction of Coach Jamie Clark and his staff, EC baseball demands year-round attention and preparation. The off-season routine included running, weight-lifting, and batting practice. A tougher regimen began as the regular playing season approached- daily practices, weight-lifting three days a week during free periods, and study halls at night. The payoff was a determined and cohesive effort by mature young men. "I have become more responsible and ... have learned self-discipline," agreed Dan Gressett, a pitcher recruited from Lake High School.

Establishing — and fulfilling — goals were also important to the Lady Warriors Softball Team. As outfielder Sandra Lampkin noted, defense had previously been the players' strong suit; hard work meant that the group won over half of their 1997-98 pre-season games and established the power of both defense and offense with the guidance of Coach Mike Anderson. That power was challenged by spirited confrontations with the team's three toughest rivals: Jones, Co-Lin and Hinds.

At a time when spring fever seems to slow even the most dedicated student, EC's baseball and softball teams energetically devote themselves to months of sacrifice, all for the sake of the school they represent and the sports they love, for that MOMENT that every athlete knows and lives for.

Dan Gressett rares back to power one across home plate.



Reagan Mitchell perfects her pitch during practice.

Dana Miso prepares to take a swing as Stephanie Craig tries to get out of hitting range.

Cultivating the "Touch"

Fulfilling Athletic Potential

The "kinesthetic touch." Athletes who have it can become serious contenders. Those who don't will have a hard time achieving sports glory.

Identifying those with the "touch" — and then enhancing and utilizing the ability — is the lifework of every coach, as Lucille Wood and Joe Clark, know very well. Wood, an instructor at EC, was an early achiever, leading championship tennis teams at Co-Lin between 1953 and 1956. She then brought her energy and expertise to East Central; as the men's and women's tennis coach, she produced four state champions between 1956 and 1976. In '76 she "passed the racquet" to Joe Clark, who, like Wood, was adept at motivating and training student athletes.

Students at EC continue to reap the benefits of those historic accomplishments, particularly the 1997-98 golf team. Four freshmen and four sophomores under Clark's tutelage used their "touch" to challenge Co-Lin, Southwest, East MS, Pearl River and Holmes, culminating with the state tournament at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Jackson. Hard-won skills, stubborn pride, and an experienced mentor helped them succeed.

You see, coaches have the "touch" as well.

Matt Stovall serves during practice.

Following through is an important technique.

Fran Jones serves as Lisa Chesney awaits her turn to take a shot.

Beth Garvin perfects her backhand during practice.

Stevie Woitt prepares to send the ball flying.

1997-1998 Golf Team (L to R) Josh Quinn, Brian Sistrunk, Jason Hailey, Johnathan Mills, Brad Simmons, Brad Sanders, and Daniel Turner.

Flag Football Champions, the "Pallbearers" (kneeling L to R) David Jones, Shad Sanders, Seth McCoy, Brian Sistrunk, Kevin Chamblee, and Kenny McMillon; (Standing) Jason Hailey, David Lepard, Bobby Moss, Eric Sharp, Robert Tranum, Brian Shaw, John Faulkner, and Davis Fulton.

Dodging the defensive member and trying to get off a pass is a tricky feat.

Men's three-on-three intramural champs, "NWO" (New World Order): Seth McCoy, Robert Tranum, Shad Sanders, Brian Sistrunk

Intramural Sports

EC's "Good Time" Teams

WANTED: GUTSY, ACTIVE MEN AND WOMEN UNAFRAID OF COMPETITION. FANTASTIC BENEFITS. GOOD TIME GUARANTEED.

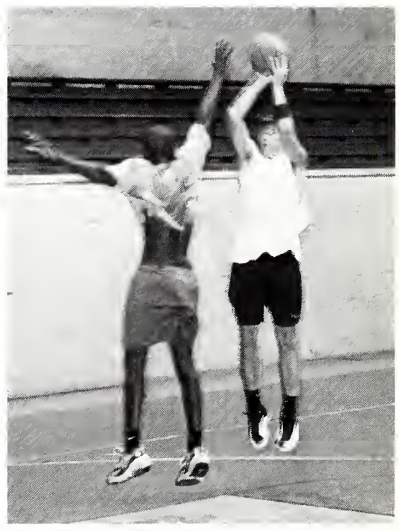
A recruitment ad for the Marine Corps? Nah. But it could be an ad for East Central's intramural sports programs. Contrary to what some may think, varsity teams aren't the only great athletes on campus, as the school's flag football and 3-on-3 basketball players willingly demonstrate.

Intramural competition is an unusual event, a mixture of relaxed, even lighthearted camaraderie and intense rivalry. Though the purpose is always to "just have fun," winning is a goal even the calmest participant never ignores. Last year's close encounters were usually scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays: afternoons after classes for flag football, evenings for basketball. A growing interest in soccer encouraged several students to begin looking for an experienced player to serve as coach; if the excitement continues to build, intramural soccer will become another tradition at EC.

There's an old WWII-era recruitment poster that features a young woman in a Navy uniform who sighs, "If I were a man I'd join the Navy." Is it such a stretch to imagine an EC recruitment advertisement that features young people wishing they could be intramural athletes?

Well, maybe that is a stretch. Those guys practicing in front of Winston Hall sure seemed to be having a good time, though ...

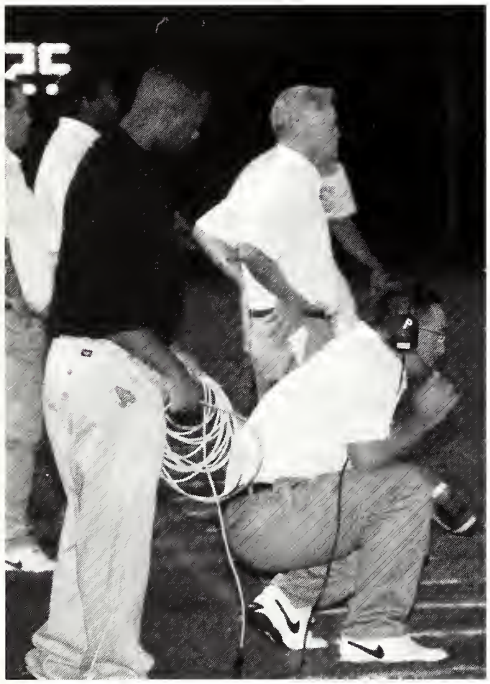
Attalia Amos runs for the goal as Amber Woods guards her.

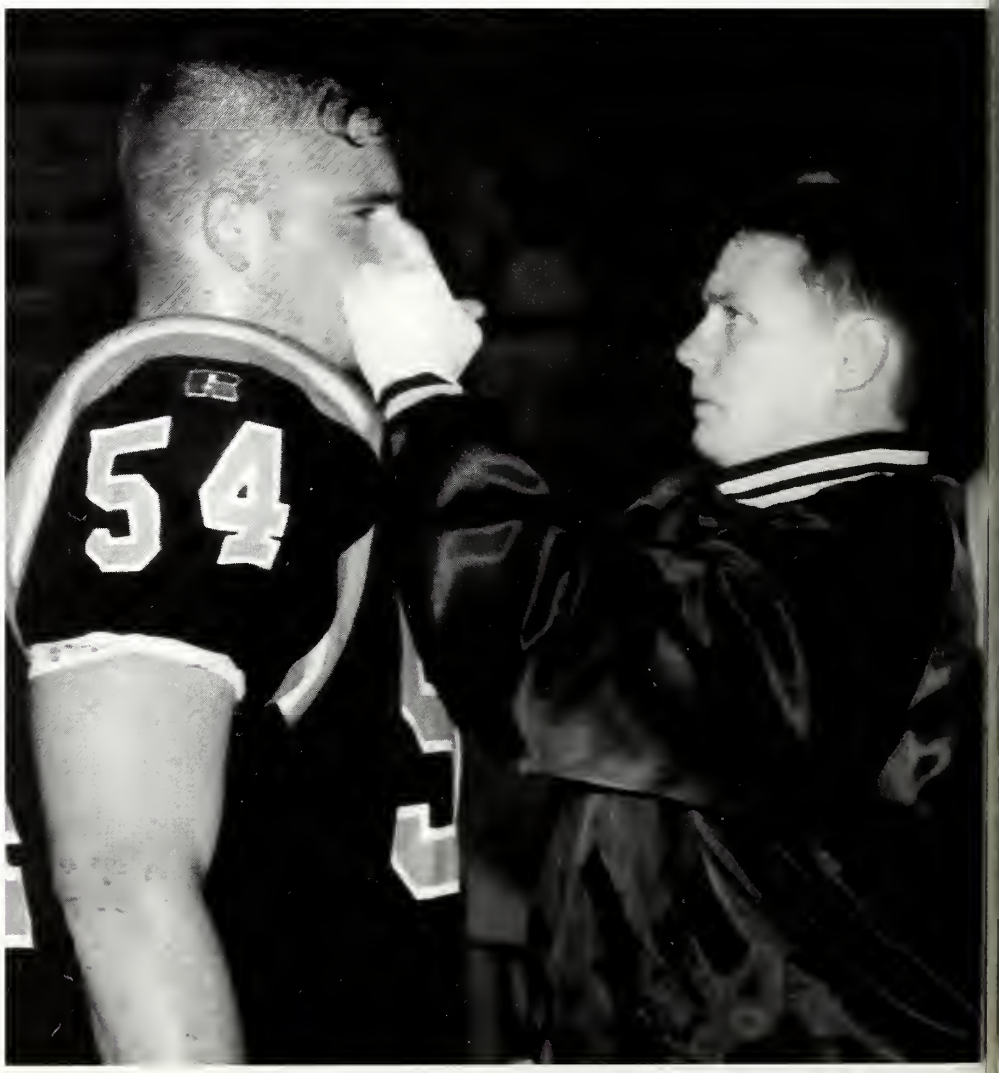


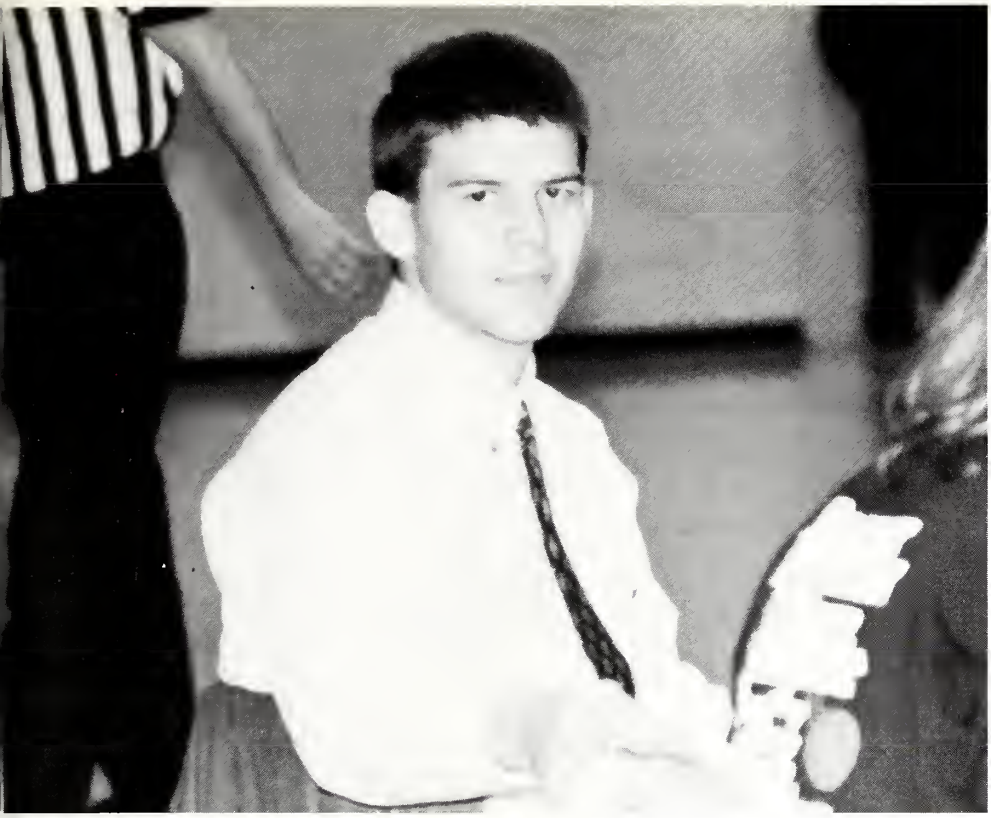
Paul Moffett tries to defend Robert Tranum's shot.

The Women's Intramural champs "Lady A's" (L to R) Rhonda Bell, Olivia Wesley, Pandora Dixon, and Attalia Amos.

Trainers and Managers: Behind the Scene Wonders







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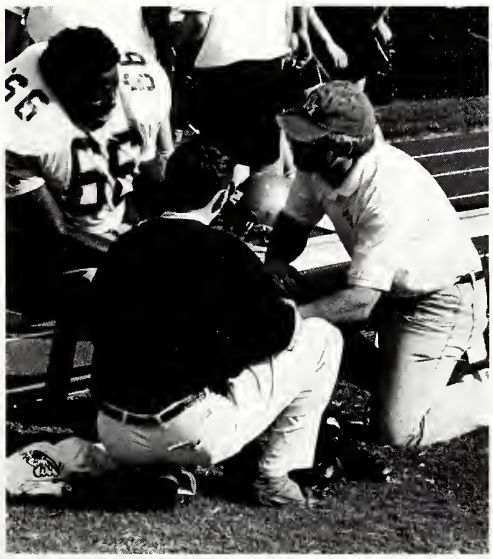

(top photo) Bill, Alex, and Michael use megaphones to encourage the fans to cheer and the players to "hold the line!"

The Warrior mascot gets into action as the intensity of the game increases.

Cheerleaders (front, from L) Paula Crawford, Leslie Brackeen; (middle L to R) Jeremy Nowell, Amy Clark, Nichol McKee, Bill Johnson; (back) Crystal Cooley, Alexander Lee, Steve Woitt, Jennie White, Michael Scarbrough, Ryan White, Jennifer Pace.

Spirit of EC

Women and Men Inspire

The young people smiling at the photographer are almost formal in their posture and dress: the long-sleeved shirts and blouses, the white trousers and knee-length pleated skirts, the "saddle" shoes. Joe Fields, a freshman from Philadelphia, seems at ease among the others in the group. They're the "spirit of ECJC" — the 1941 cheerleaders.

In 1942, Fields would be joined by Jack Jackson and Dempsey Amacker — college men continuing the EC tradition of mixed-sexes squads, following in the footsteps of students like A. Bruce Cleveland and Ellis Bates, both of Union and both cheerleaders in 1937.

In the late 1950s, things changed. More and more students perceived cheerleading as a "girl" activity, and for the next forty years or so, all-female squads were the norm. In the 90s, however, as more athletic routines became popular and cheerleading grew more competitive, males were again recruited.

East Central's 1997-98 squad happily upheld the tradition fostered by Cleveland, Bates, Titus Mapp, Herbert Harmon, and the other men who proudly stood beside their female counterparts and urged the college's athletes on to victory. The stunts and cheers are different — cheerleaders in 1939 probably didn't do a "toss to hands to extension" or a "standing tuck," and their "rah, rah, rah" would never be uttered at Warrior Stadium today. But the goal is the same: to encourage, to inspire, and to lead the "spirit of ECCC" onward and upward.

It's a job big enough - and important enough - for both men and women.

Nichol signals for VICTORY as she hopes her partner Bill holds her safely in the air!

DID YOU KNOW . . . Science instructor Al Deaton was the 1984 faculty sponsor of East Central's cheerleading squad.

Amy, Jennifer, Bill, Leslie, Michael, Jeremy, and Nichol double as basketball cheerleaders, urging the teams on to championship victories.

Football, Basketball Teams

Football coaches (kneeling) Willie Coats, head coach; (standing L to R) Terry Underwood, Fredrick Lyons, Fred Tate, Timmy Coats, Chuck Maxie.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1997 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 4	HOLMES	Home	6:30 P.M.
Sept. 11	NORTHEAST	Away	6:30 P.M.
Sept. 18	NORTHWEST	Home	6:30 P.M.
Sept. 25	ITAWAMBA	Away	6:30 P.M.
Oct. 2	PEARL RIVER	Home	6:30 P.M.
Oct. 11	HINDS	Away	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 18	GULF COAST	(HC)	2:30 P.M.
Oct. 25	JONES	Away	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 30	CO-LIN	Home	6:30 P.M.
Nov. 6	SOUTHWEST	Away	7:00 P.M.

(L to R) Joseph Anders, Juan Draine, Shaun Walker, William Johnson, Mack Pittman, Josh Hatcher, Kenny Kelly, Mark Fleming, Al Hunt, Calvin Bailey, Jon Darby, Wesley Boyd, Troydrick Carter; (second row) Duane Brisbon, Chris Crosby, Cedric Vaughn, Andy Sagona, Stewart Glass, Jermaine Boyd, Billy Singleton, Kendrick Earby, Mitchell Crouther, Jarvis Smith, Lamell Charles, , William Curry, Patrick Bacon; (third row) Dejuan Clark, Chad Neese, Edwin Moore, Delvin Rainer, Ken Judon, Bo Thomas, Jason Nixon, Kelvin Cistrunk, Greg Busby, Jason Eason, Allen Clark, Terrell Smith; (back) Byron Johnson, Brock Lilliss, Adam Lowry, Jake Wilson, Chester Patrick, Horace Nash, Tyquan Taylor, Undeon Hardy, Jim Griffin, Anthony Hornesbuger, Kendrick Clancy.

(front L to R) Chris Van Etten, manager; Ken Russell, Herbert Montgomery, Demondo Mingo, Danielle Johnson, Ray Waddell, Christenie Robertson, manager; (back) Marty Cooper, head coach; Jennifer Cooper, assistant coach; Toronto Parker, Tim Overstreet, Brian Hillie, Brian Deloney, Keith Bell, Bobby Carter, Gilberto Venzen, Michael Reeves, manager.

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	NOV. 1 (Sat/W-11 am/M-1 pm)	SOUTHERN-SHREVEPORT
	NOV. 3-4 (Mon-Tues/W-only)	JONES TOURNEY
	NOV. 3-4 (Mon-Tues/M-only)	NORTHEAST TOURNEY
	NOV. 13 (Thurs/W-5:15 pm/M-7:30 pm)	BISHOP STATE
	NOV. 17 (Mon)	EAST MISSISSIPPI
★	NOV. 20 (Thurs)	BISHOP STATE
	NOV. 21 (Fri)	MISSISSIPPI DELTA
★	NOV. 24 (Mon/W-5:30 pm/M-7:30 pm)	SOUTHERN-SHREV.
★	NOV. 25 (Tues)	EAST MISSISSIPPI
	DEC. 2 (Tues)	PEARL RIVER
★	DEC. 4 (Thurs)	SOUTHWEST
★	JAN. 3 (Sat)	MISSISSIPPI DELTA
★	JAN. 6 (Tues)	GULF COAST
★	JAN. 8 (Thurs)	HOLMES
	JAN. 12 (Mon)	HINDS
	JAN. 15 (Thurs)	JONES
★	JAN. 20 (Tues)	CO-LIN
★	JAN. 22 (Thurs)	PEARL RIVER
	JAN. 26 (Mon)	SOUTHWEST
	JAN. 29 (Thurs)	GULF COAST
	FEB. 2 (Mon)	HOLMES
★	FEB. 5 (Thurs)	HINDS
★	FEB. 9 (Mon)	JONES
	FEB. 12 (Thurs)	CO-LIN
	FEB. 16-19 (Mon-Thurs/Pearl River)	SOUTH STATE
	FEB. 23-24 (Mon-Tues/TBA)	STATE TOURNEY
	MAR. 2-5 (Mon-Thurs/TBA)	REGION 23 TOURNEY

★ HOME GAME — Women 6:00/Men 7:45 unless noted

(seated L to R) Sharae Brown, Jamie Floyd, Kamonica Craig, Nicole Barrett, LaTasha Walker, Denise Chapman, Ellake Murray, Felisha Temple, Louise Sharp; (standing) Sonji Thomas, manager; Wendy Mapp, Quintina Edwards, Artress Ruggs, Charissa Williams, Marina Carter, Sonya Pinkston.

Women's Softball and Tennis

Softball Team: (Kneeling from L) Coco Mapp, Sandra Lampkin, Stephanie Moody, Katie Brown, Christy Sanders, Autumn Townsend, Memrie Rawson, Regena McCraw, Boosie Carter, Tomeka Sutton; (standing) Marquitta Harper, manager; Stephanie Gray, Kristina Harris, Ginger Moore, Stephanie Craig, Carla Phillips, Dana Withers, manager; Ragan Mitchell, Davis Fulton, manager

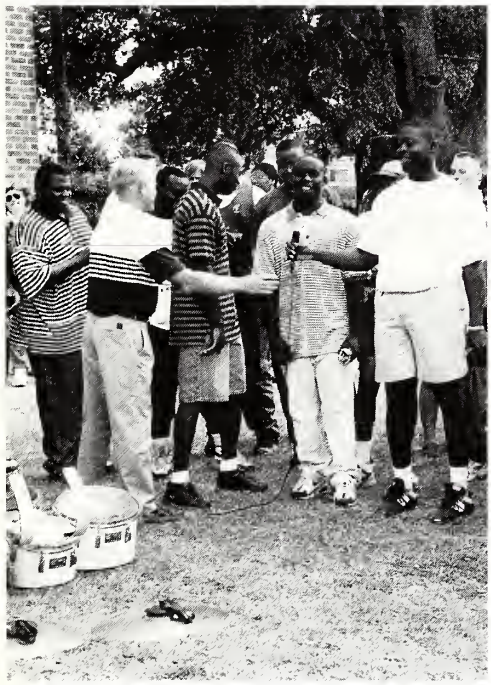
Tennis Team: (from L) Lisa Chesney, Beth Garvin, Leslee Carter, Paula Crawford, Coach Marty Cooper

Men's Baseball and Tennis

Baseball Team: (first row from L) Mott Stewart, Manager; Dustin Mathews, Casey Skelton, Rusty Cumberland, Clark Tyson, Bo Grace, Joey Smith, P.J. Pearson, Jesse Vanetten, manager; (second row) Danny Rushing, Brian Hardy, B.J. Morrow, Zach Sanders, Ron Perkins, Eric Weaver, Jay McClendon, Justin Chaney, Brodie Matthews (third row) Joey Allen, Seth Hebert, Dennis McDill, Scott Stephens, Bo Burkes, Dan Gressett, Jason Willis, Chad Champion, Paul Clearman, Greg Wood, (fourth row) Chris Tullos, Michael Hall, Linzy Gressett, assistant coaches Neal Holliman and Lee Eady, head coach Jamie Clark

Tennis Team: (from L) Matt Stovall, Uwe Dotzauer, Brian Shaw, Stevie Woitt, Mark Suwinski, Brian Sistrunk, Coach Marty Cooper

We've Got Spirit!



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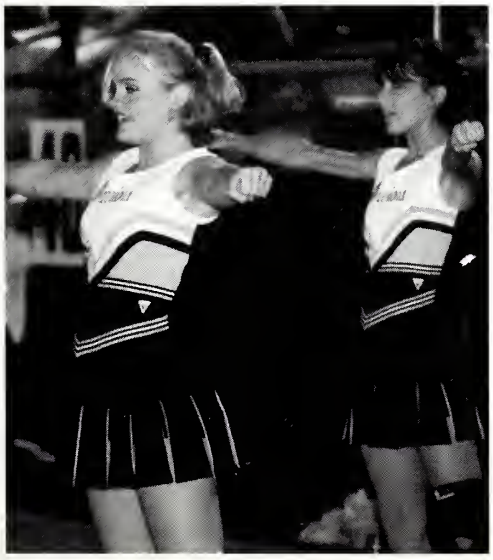
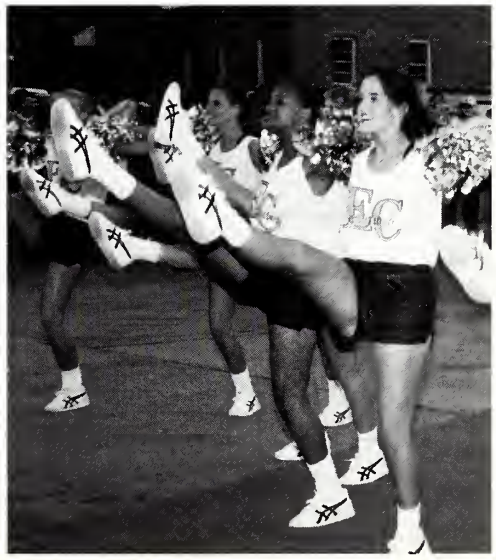




Freshman RN class

GROUPS

Familiar Faces

*How quaint they seem now — those organizations and groups of East Central **Junior** College. Leafing through old yearbooks is a strange journey. Those clothes! That hair! Just what is a "Glee Club?" A Home Economics Club — in college?! The "Sons of Kilroy" — who the heck was Kilroy?*

It is easy to sneer, to glance back loftily at a time and place that seem rather silly to 1997 sophisticates. Take another look, though. Check out the thoughtfulness, the anticipation, the maturity in the pairs of eyes staring out of those old photographs. Now look at a more recent yearbook. Notice anything?

There's no longer a Glee Club at East Central. The Home Ec. Club and the Sons of Kilroy are gone. But the things they represented — service to the community, fellowship, talent, honor, loyalty — those things remain. Any doubts are quickly laid to rest by listening to the college's "Wall O' Sound" marching band, participating in New Directions discussions, or traveling with Vica to a national convention.

*The legacy continues, and East Central **Community** College is a better place for it.*

The 1962 student production of "Death Takes a Holiday" reflects the yearly interest in drama groups and in theater production.

Warrior Corps members like Richard Blackburn and perform various duties such as serving for the dinner theater and ushering for the spring musical production.

The drum line has become a group of its own as it thrills audiences at pep rallies, ball games, and concerts with its rhythmical beat and explosive music.

The acting class and some of the music students join forces to present "Choices," a play that shows students that art forms such as music and drama have relevance for young people and the decisions they make. (front L to R) Melissa Allen, Pamela Atkinson, Tracy Barnes, Amy Butler; (back) Antwon Chapman, Timothy Boswell, Tiffany Edwards, and Michael Scarbrough.

Learning Life Through Participation

For East Central's growing population of nontraditional students, problems seem to multiply daily. Finding solutions for those problems is the goal of New Directions, whose members strive to make the college a more comfortable place for the "it's been a while since high school" crowd. Several members have been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

Three men and women represented the college's Baptist Student Union in missions throughout the United States last summer. Marissa McGee (pictured) worked with Vacation Bible Schools in the Pacific Northwest while Jason Alford assisted with youth programs in Connecticut, and Renee Wheeler witnessed in Kentucky.

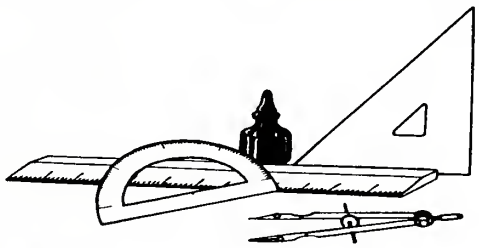
The Gospel Choir proudly exemplifies EC's range of artistic offerings; the college has a musical menu to suit virtually every taste. The choir's spirited performances are much in demand throughout the year.

HOSA students continue to draw national attention to the college. Valerie McMullan was among the top scorers in the surgical technology competitions held in Anaheim, California.

"It's not like television," was probably the thought for the day as the Sigma Sigma Mu Tau chapter toured the University Medical Center in Jackson. Of special interest were the ER and the radiology units. Now A&P students work hard at perfecting the use of the microscope.

YOU figure it out! Visit a Mu Alpha Theta meeting and you might find yourself challenged to a math puzzle or game. Members also participated in the "buy a brick" program and brightened Homecoming with a colorful sign of the soon-to-be-revived arch.

Pride in her ancient and noble culture can be seen in every line of Roberta Billy's exquisite dress, made by her grandmother and worn by Billy in the Choctaw Princess competition at the Choctaw Indian Fair. Displayed for a time in Burton Library with the dress were other items supplied by members of the Native American Club. Items included a basket purse made of swamp reeds, ornate beadwork, dream catchers, and a child's ceremonial dress.



National Society of Professional Engineers

From student to engineer: members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon understand the need to promote high standards for the professionals of tomorrow. East Central's chapter works tirelessly to "bridge" the gap between the classroom and the office. Goals of this organization include encouraging and developing the efficiency of the engineer and promoting unity in the profession. Pre-engineering and Industrial Arts majors are eligible for membership.

Rabbit for Supper

Dinner Theater Celebrity Tells All

He's a celebrity — and EC was his home for three evenings as director Lila Hunt and a talented cast and crew thrilled audiences with an outstanding dinner theater production.

His name is Harvey, and he was gracious enough to give the Wo-He-Lo an exclusive interview:

Wo-He-Lo: Harvey, I understand you're a pooka.

Harvey: Of course I'm a pooka.

WHL: How would you define a pooka?

H.: A pooka is a large, legendary, Celtic mythological creature who appears here and there, to this one and that one at his own caprice.

WHL: Is a pooka always a rabbit?

H.: No, Mary Chase (the author of the play) wanted me to be a rabbit, so a rabbit is what I am.

WHL: Why did you appear to Elwood?

H.: I came to Mr. Dowd to let him realize that the reality we accept is not necessarily the only reality there is.

WHL: Why, then, did you also appear to Veta and Dr. Chumley?

H.: They're the only people who are open to it ... only those who want to see are able.

WHL: Wouldn't most people assume that, if someone sees you, he or she is mentally uustable?

H.: The reason I appeared to Elwood is because I knew he needed me. In time Elwood is accepted and so am I because I'm part of who Elwood is. I was proud of Elwood at the moment he said, "For years I've struggled with reality and now I'm happy to say I've overcome it." I present people with an alternative.

WHL: Why did you play jokes on Veta?

H.: Because Veta is more of a fool than Elwood; she doesn't always believe. She cares more about what people think of her than is necessary.

WHL: Why didn't you stay with Dr. Chumley?

H.: Because being a doctor, he would have difficulty deciding what his reality was. He would have been happier in Akron with a case of beer and a quiet woman who says, "Oh, you poor thing" while stroking his silken head.

WHL: Why doesn't Myrtle Mae see you?

H.: She is too reality-based and is ready to settle for someone like the orderly, Wilson.

WHL: What message were you trying to get across during this play?

H.: Enjoy the moment. Life is not as serious as we assume it should be.

WHL: That's excellent advice, even if it is from a pooka!

"This is my favorite book," Elwood P. Dowd (Timothy Boswell) tells his friend "Harvey."

DID YOU KNOW ...

East Central's first play, *Pink and Patches,* was performed during the 1930-31 term; its first musical, *The Belle of Barcelona,* delighted audiences in 1946.

"Find Elwood P. Dowd-and find him fast!" says Dr. Sanderson (Ken Thrash) to Wilson (Donnie Atkinson) as nurse Kelly (Mandy Burke) looks on.

Dr. and Mrs. Chumley (Richard Burton and Tiffany Edwards) share a quiet moment in the midst of all the madness.

Mrs. Chauvenet (Tiffany Bradford) searches frantically for her favorite nephew, Elwood.

(top photo) Veta Simmons (Jessica Evans) succumbs to hysteria as she talks of her brother Elwood with her daughter Myrtle Mae (Emily Bullock) and the family counsel, Judge Gaffney (Michael Scarbrough).

MY FAIR LADY *cast and crew are happy with rehearsals and are excited about the week-long performances.*

"Three little maids in a row"-- Sheila, Pam, and Melissa. Are they frightened of Prof. Higgins?

"Pay attention!" urges Prof. Higgins (Ken Thrash) as Eliza (Marci) stares in disbelief.

My Fair Lady
A Classic Story Becomes Ours

It's a familiar story in college: a hard-working, vivacious young person receives a life-altering education and eventually admires and respects the "tough love" attitude of the instructor. Add some stirring music and costume drama and you have the perfect college musical: ***My Fair Lady****.*

East Central's energetic production of the popular Lerner & Loewe extravaganza was a genuine crowd-pleaser. Marci Hollingsworth, an elementary education major from Decatur, thought herself "lucky" to be a participant: "It (the musical) has a fun, free spirit. It acts out every girl's dream of becoming a lady, while keeping the qualities that make one unique." A veteran of such well known dramas as ***Steel Magnolias*** *and* ***Carousel****, Hollingsworth delighted in her role as Eliza, the street urchin-turned-lady. "This is a new experience for me," she pointed out. "I've always played a sad role and with Eliza I really get to show more of my true personality."*

Art imitating life was also a factor for Chas Evans, who thought that the character of Col. Pickering "pretty much fits me." Although he had never before performed in a musical, the Chunky, MS, music major enjoyed the humor of ***My Fair Lady****, which he first encountered in a high school English class.*

One of many challenges that instructors face is demonstrating the relevancy of classroom education. ***My Fair Lady****, rooted as it is in Greek mythology and British literature, is a wonderful introduction to many worlds as well as an example of this one: Eliza is Everywoman, and we share her feelings as she struggles to learn. The ECCC Players eloquently reminded us the* ***her*** *story is* ***ours****.*

Pupil and teacher-but who's teaching whom?

"Wouldn't it be loverly" if Shasta left my hair alone? Sheila seems to be asking.

"Shall we dance?" Nathan, Charlie, and Shaun know all the right moves at ***MFL*** *rehearsals.*

Ambassadors and Hosts

The Cream of EC's Crop

Anyone familiar with East Central understands the college's spirit of community service. Turning acorns into oaks — or, if you prefer, nurturing young "sprouts" — is both the school's duty and privilege. Exemplifying that spirit are the members of the Warrior Corps, the "cream" of EC's "crop."

Becoming part of the Corps is a formidable process. Each candidate submits an application, a resume, and a recommendation and completes an interview with a screening committee. 69 people applied for 25 positions in the Corps in 1997; the successful applicants represented 2.5% of EC's population, with each county in the district represented by at least two members.

As the college's official ambassadors and hosts, the Warrior Corps assumes a broad range of responsibilities. Members visit high schools throughout the 5-county district to recruit students; afterward, the Corps makes phone calls and writes postcards to "keep in touch." During orientation and registration, Corps members greet students and assist faculty and staff — making the process more bearable and productive for all concerned. As ushers they added a courteous note for several events in 1997-98, including the fall art show, and contributed significantly to the success of the dinner theater production of Harvey.

Why do they do it? Why work so hard? Corps members do receive a semester hour's credit, and there is of course the prestige. But late at night, when their throats are raw from saying, "Hello, how can I help you?" and their feet ache, there has to be a better reason than four measly quality points. And there is.

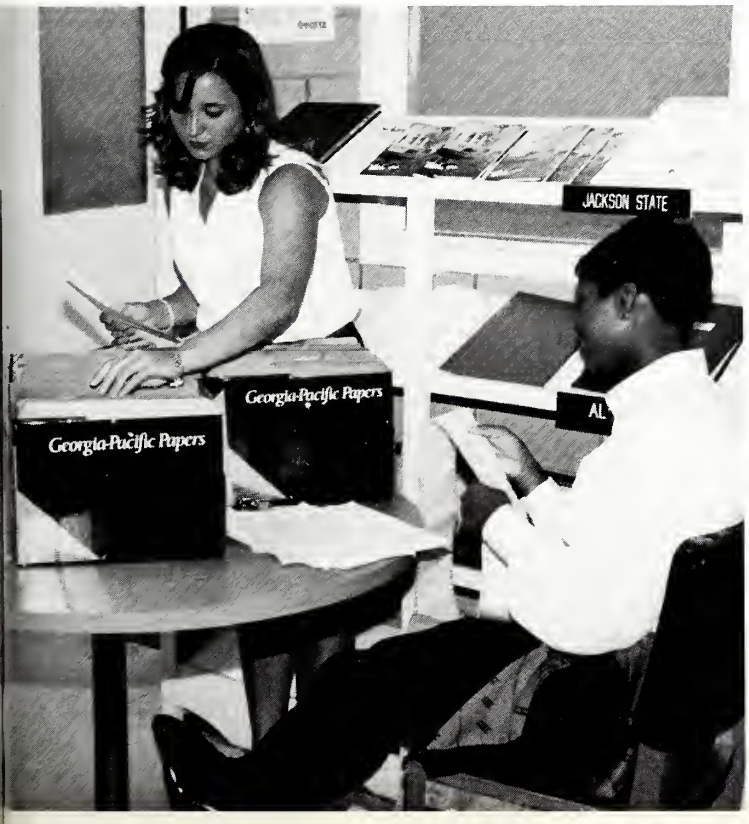
School spirit.
Warrior spirit.
Warrior Corps.

Billie (McCune), what did Mandy (Sanders) say that was sooooo funny?

DID YOU KNOW ...

Many members of EC's administration, faculty, and staff were students at the college; for example, an active participant in 1957's Radio and TV Club was — Billy Ray Lovett.

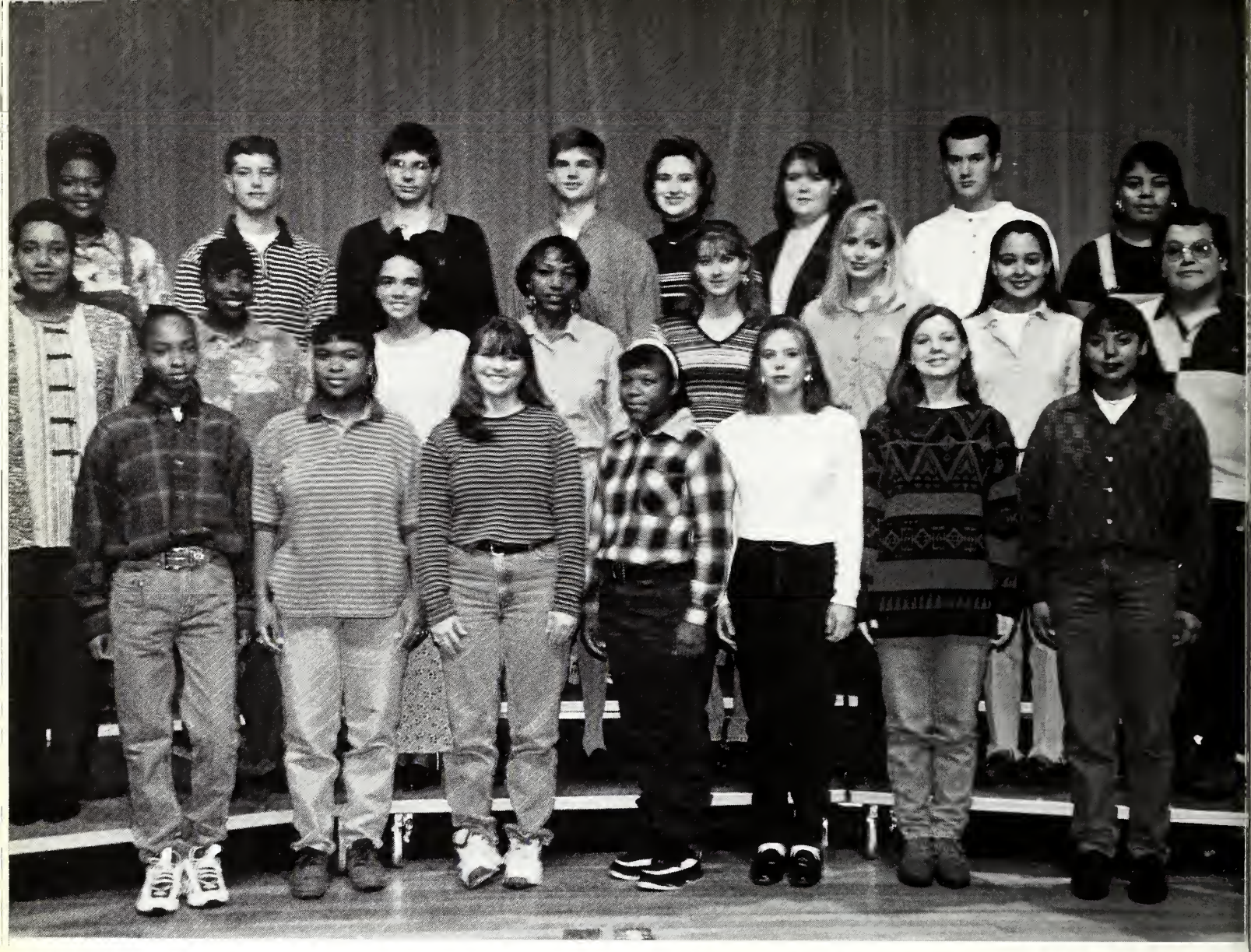
Newly selected Warrior Corps members begin with words of direction and expectation from Director Michael Alexander.



Warrior Corps leaders: Richard Blackburn, Ashlea Renfroe, and Amanda Moore keep the group's activities organized and moving.

Paula Crawford and Kamonica Craig are busy getting red folders ready for orientation, just one of many Warrior Corps duties.

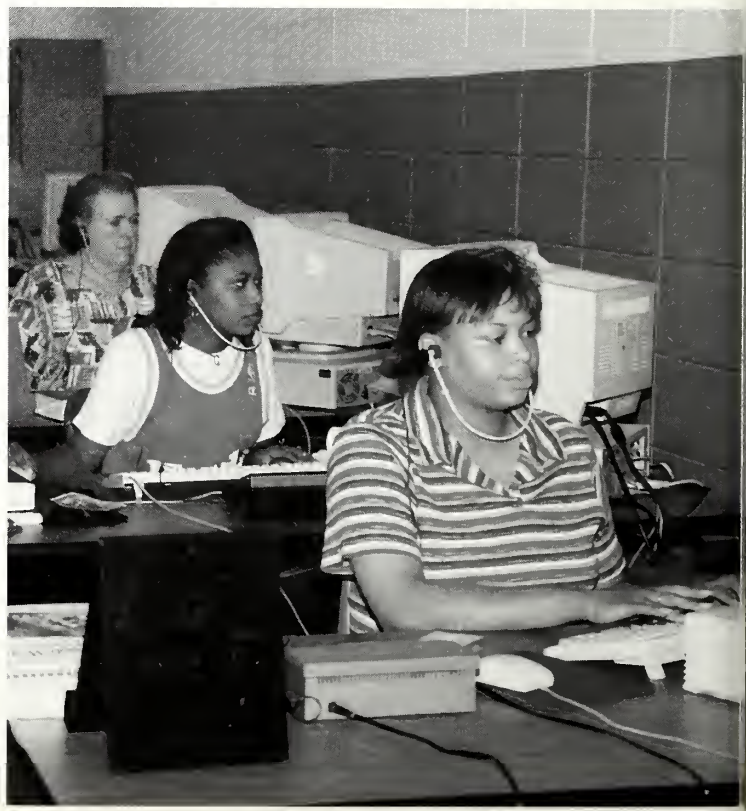
EC Warrior Corps members gather at Turkey Creek for an official postcard picture. This group serves as student hosts and hostesses for school functions and also as student recruiters.

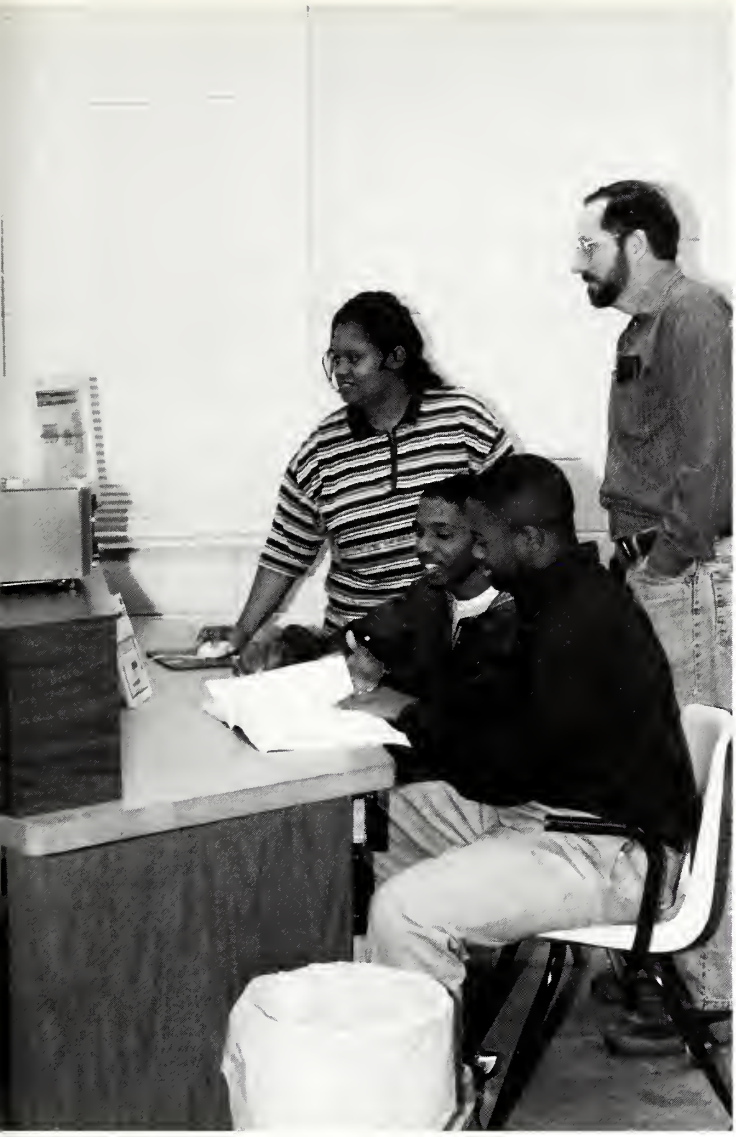


PHI BETA LAMBDA (front L to R) Raequel Sanders, Jennifer Evans, Regena McCraw, Paula Johnson, Cindy Bout, Crystal Germany, Diane Thomas; (middle) Richelle Givens, Shaquania Huddlesten, TaRita Williamson, Patricia Hathorn, Crystal Lewis, Krisan Risher, Roberta Billy, Daniel Wesley; (back) Latoya Loper, Joseph Heathcock, Brian Buckley, Chad Anderson, Laura Tadlock, Amy Spears, Rhett Rivers, Nekkl Stiles

Mary Hanson, Learning Skills Center Director, assists Diane Reed with computer concepts that are essential for business-related majors.

Students in the office management classes learn the skills for many business requirements: dictation, transcription, keyboarding, and computer concepts. Lost in concentration are Tiffany Russell and Kathy Purser.





Future Business Leaders

Old Values and New Methods

A visit to Burton Library is not complete without a look at the "Alumni Wall," the area which recognizes the recipients of East Central's Alumni of the Year award. The names are a roster of business and industry leadership, names which represent the college's continuing emphasis on workplace preparation. Accepting EC's challenge of bringing together business and education is the Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda.

Devoted to the development of "competent, aggressive business leaders," PBL emphasizes, among other things, good character, "useful citizenship ... and scholarship ...." These qualities are encouraged through a variety of activities, which in 1997-98 included a food drive, assistance to a needy family, and a field trip to Choctaw Maid Enterprises. Keynote speakers were the foci of several meetings, with topics such as lucrative investments, retirement savings programs, and appropriate business attire. The chapter represented EC at both the state and national leadership conferences.

As the world spirals toward the 21st century — as technology becomes more omnipresent in ordinary lives — many Mississippians cope with change by ignoring it or fearing it. Fortunately, the students of Phi Beta Lambda do neither. They accept and use the best that technology can offer, tempering ambition and assertiveness with strength of character. The result is a potent mixture of old values and new methods that will surely serve and protect.

Technical students take advantage of the job placement information provided through the One-Stop Career Center services.

PHI BETA LAMBDA OFFICERS: (from left) Roberta Billy, Amy Spears, TaRita Williamson, Chad Anderson

Power of Music

Speaking with an Ac'cent

Music. Its power is far-reaching and versatile. It can calm nerves or excite them, invoke love, stir jealousy, or revive memory. It is a language that speaks to everyone.

No one understands the potency of music better than the Ac'cents, East Central's popular show choir. Under the direction of instructor Charles Hinson, the group entertains at schools, civic functions, and festivals throughout the area. One performance in early fall was especially memorable for vocalist Michael Donovan and ably demonstrates music's power to bridge the generation gap. The audience — senior adults at a retreat in Roosevelt State Park — enthusiastically welcomed the Ac'cents. "A performance is more enjoyable when the crowd gets into it," recalls Donovan, "and those senior adults were really enjoying themselves and getting into it!"

Getting an audience "into it" is no easy task, and the students who aspire to "speaking with an Ac'cent" must demonstrate exceptional talent and skill during tryouts, which require each applicant to sing a song or hymn and perform a short dance routine. For the successful candidates, the rewards are generous: scholarships, artistic development, fellowship, and the pleasure in audiences' faces.

Traditionally, groups such as the Ac'cents have been labeled "fine arts" or "performing arts" ensembles. But "language arts" fits just as well, as anyone who has heard and seen EC's musicians can tell you. With each vibrant note, with each graceful movement, the Ac'cents talk to us all.

Crystal Cooley smiles as she warns the boys that her boyfriend is back.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Music is a part of our heritage: in 1958, the Boys' Quartet, the Girls' Choir, the ECJC Choir, and the ECJC Band kept a song in our hearts.

A Barber Shop Quartet they are not, but they do know how to serenade the ladies.

They've got the smiles; they've got the talent; they've got the beat!

The ladies assure the audience that they are "dedicated to the ones they love."

THE AC'CENTS:(top front L to R) Crystal Cooley, Kelli Jo Alexander; (kneeling) Brad Walley; (back) Daniel Fulton, Ashlea Renfroe, Holly Hamrick, Michael Donovan, Leslee Carter, Amanda McMillan, Tripp Gaddis.

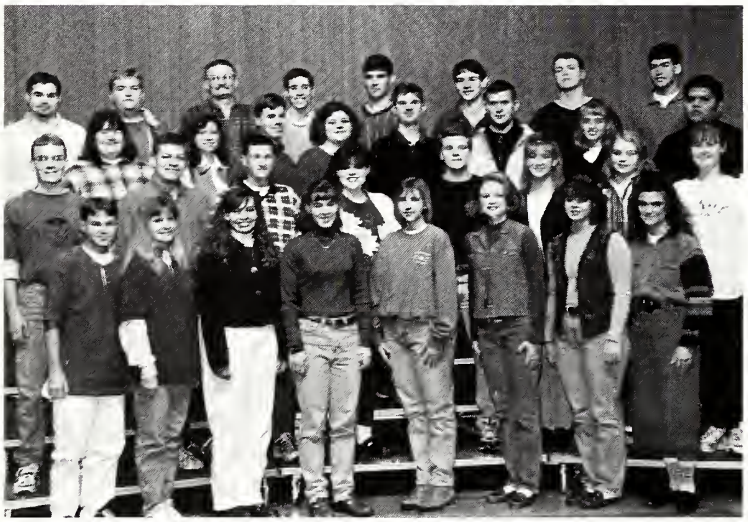
ORGANIZATIONS

ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON

Front Row (L to R): Trip Gaddis, Stephen Harris, Bradford Walley, Brian Shaw, Shelia Coleman, Amy Clark; Back Row: Dr. Shelby Harris, Christopher Fuller, Ben Fulton, Kenny McMillan, Cody Fisher, Quintina Edwards

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT NURSES

Second Year students: (front L to R) Randy Howell, Melissa Hawkin Mesha Merchant, Lisa Hale, Phyliss Armstrong, Victoria Burton, Don Tubby, Kevin Hayman, Tammie Walker, Lisa Dearman, Troye Bradsha (middle) Catina Graham, Toronda Wilson, Brenda Rogers, Lisa Beelan Nikki Bateman, Denise John, Michelle Macoy, Marie Williams, Conn Moore, Sherry Brown, Amanda Garrison, Stephanie Powell; (back) San Thrash, Amy Wilkes, Penny Sharp, Stephanie Peebles, Linda Gilbert, Ap Watkins, Kathy Brooks, Ken Mangrum, Sandra Chisolm, Carol Benne Marilyn Reed



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Row 1 (L to R): Jason Jones, April Crocker, Pam Atkinson, Jennifer Alford, Angie England, Jennifer Huey, Ginger Greer, Melissa Allen; Row 2: Brandon Tucker, T. Scott Vaughn- Director, Charles Lightsey, Kristi Conrad, Dan Hendon, Marci Hollingsworth, Sheila Coleman, Amy Clark, Row 3: Brooke Griffith, Candy McCormick, Michael Russum, Marissa McGee, Chad Anderson, Bradford Walley, Laura Hope Faulk, Elijah Ben; Row 4: Jason Alford, Joseph Tucker, Bill Bates, Greg Willis, Jason Swain, Aaron Emerson, Brad Bailey, Robert Edwards

DIAMOND GIRLS

(front L to R) Natalie Vowell, Corrin Chambliss, Leslie Brackeen, Kris Jones, Amber Woods, Amy Rogers, Jill Ray; (middle) Allison Crosb Leslie Nelson, Laura Ming, Ginger Moore, Kathryn Montgomery, Je sics Jordan, Adria Stamper, Amy Gomillion; (back) Vickie McGee, Lis Nelson, Kelly Alexander, Stacy Jackson, Sherie Bradford, Bethan Laird, Courtney Wilcher, Jennifer Pace

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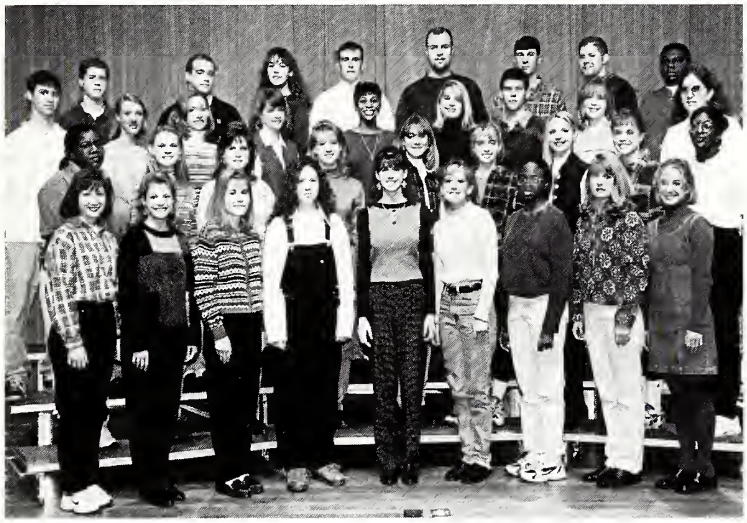

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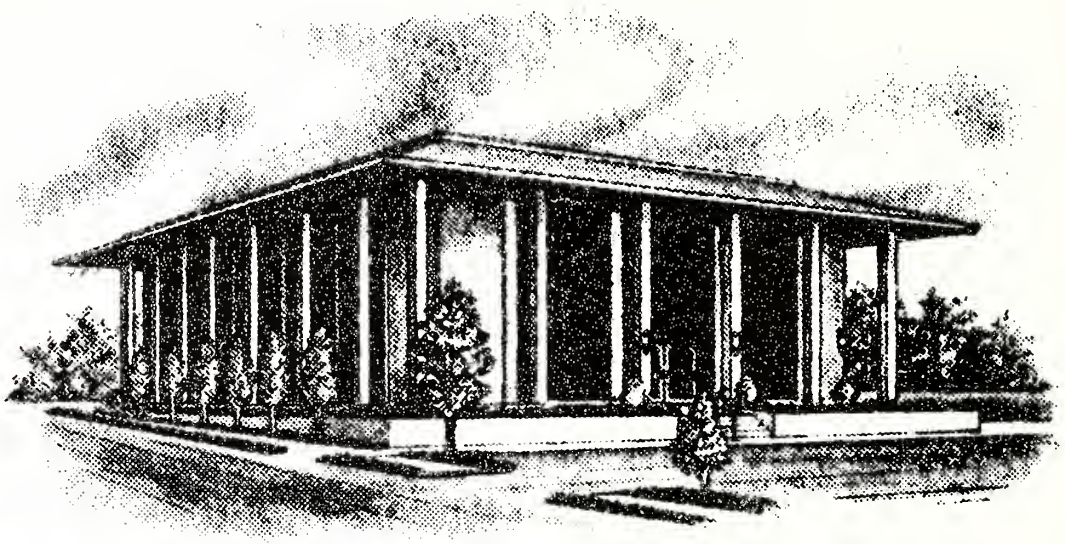

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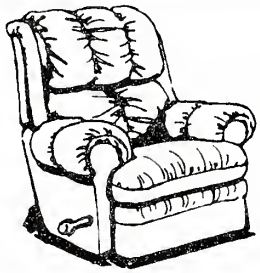

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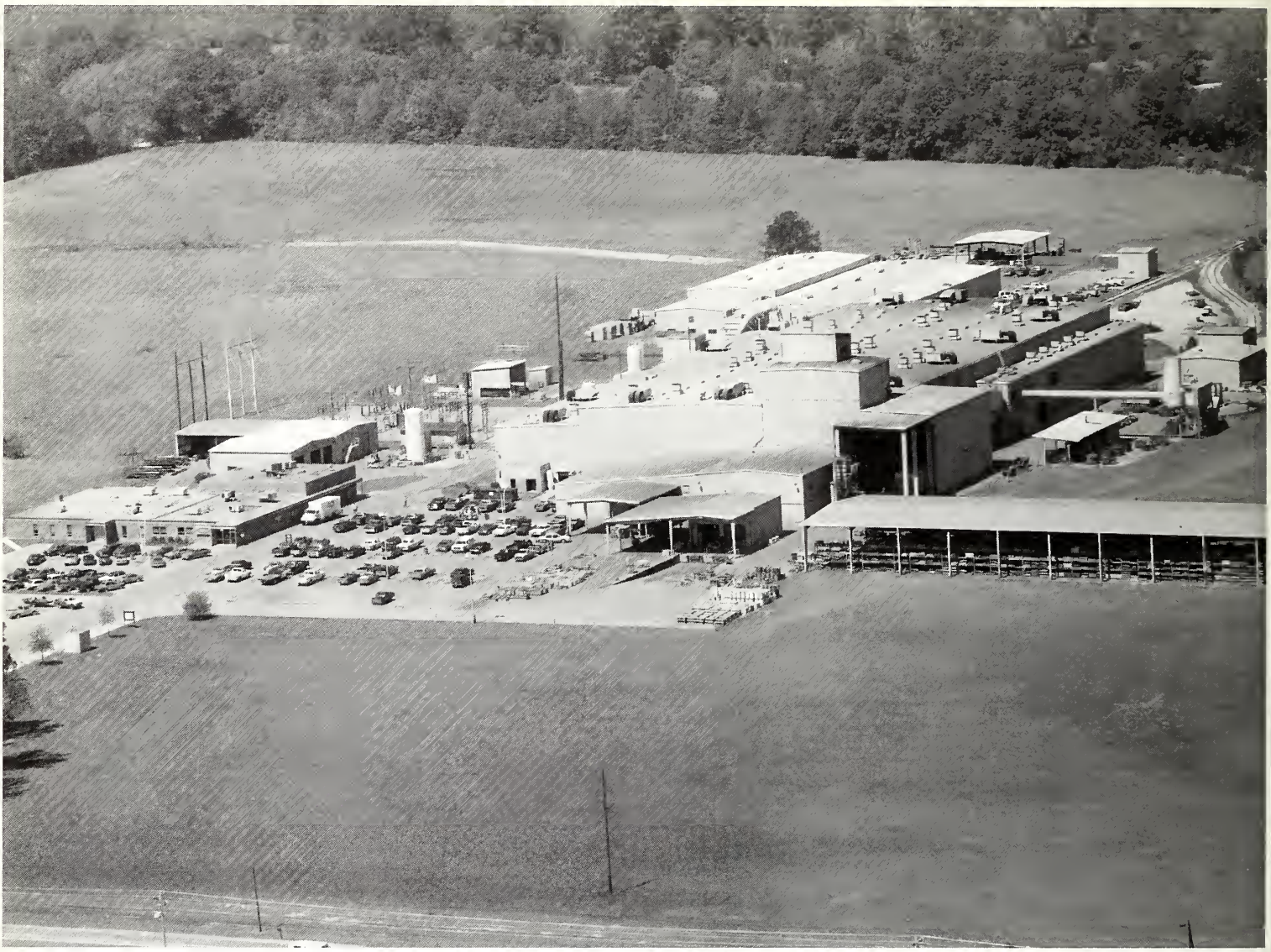

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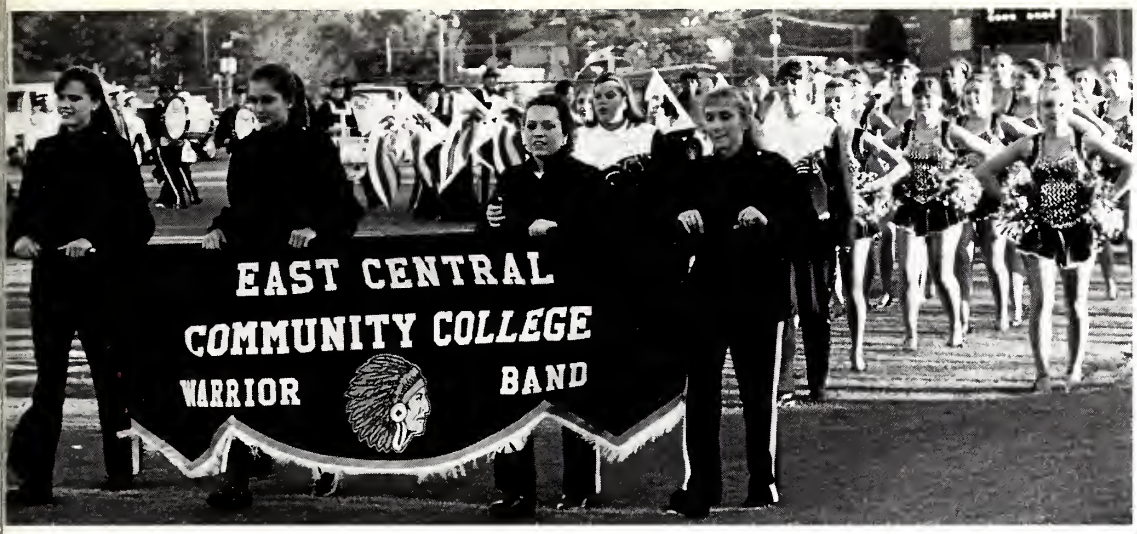

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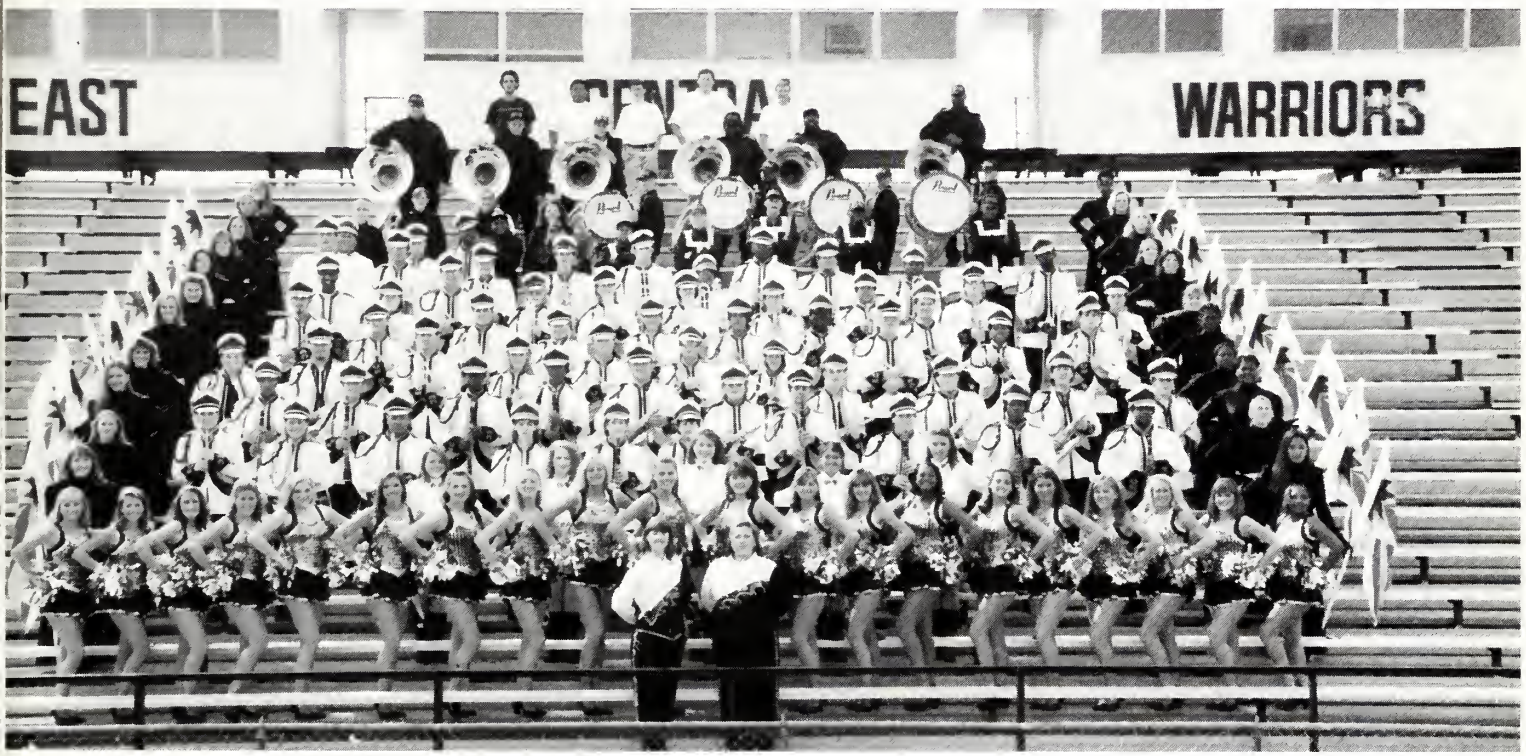

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Now and Forever: Perfecting **Your** Image

by Vanessa Sanders

The yearbook class has worked hard for what you now hold in your hands. It has been a year full of long hours and new experiences. The yearbook class cannot take complete credit for this production, though. Many people have helped contribute to the ***Wo-He-Lo*** *by means of surveys, interviews and countless other details.*

At the beginning of the school year a lot of duties were passed out and it did not take long for most of us to rea that we were taking on m than we bargained for. I being afraid of a challenge, stuck with it. As a result, l out people were turned i writers, the editor was turn into a writer, and even the p tographer ended up writing soon became obvious that a thing could happen ... anc did.

Through all the ma events and writing assig ments, we have kept one thi in mind, and that is to "pert our image." This goal is i same for most everyone he The past 70 years have tak East Central and its stude down many different roads opportunity, and for us, th opportunities have only j begun.

As you look through yo 1998 ***Wo-He-Lo*** *now, and in future, think about why y are here. Why did you come EC? The answer is all too si ple — to perfect* ***your*** *image.*

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